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Scout fete was postponed for first time ever

BARRY Scout and Guide fete was cancelled, for the first time ever last Saturday (July 7), because Romilly Park was "underwater" – but there are hopes it can be held later in the year.

The fete is held annually in Romilly Park, but the torrential rain of recent weeks, including the 48 hours prior to the event, made the venue hazardous.

Wales has suffered its wettest June since 1860 – and July appears to be following suit.

Organisers made the difficult decision to postpone the event and a spokeswoman

told The GEM: "Due to the appalling weather, the 59th annual Scout & Guide fete, which has been a major event in Barry since 1934, was cancelled for the first time last Saturday.

"We were forced to disappoint hundreds of Scouts and Guides because Romilly Park was underwater, not only making it impossible to erect tents and stalls, but slippery and dangerous underfoot, particularly for the main area event of horse drawn chariot racing."

Vale AM Jane Hutt, told organisers it was a shame that the event had to be postponed, after all the hard work of those involved, but she looked forward to hearing of a

rearranged date for the local Scouts and Guides' premier event.

• As The GEM was going to press, the fete committee was due to meet to see whether the event could be organised for the autumn.

People have been advised to hold onto the programmes that were distributed through the town in recent weeks.



ABOVE: These boomerangs might come back – after being decorated with traditional symbols in art.
SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 3.

Land's End to John O'Groats is Barry man's cycle marathon...

In memory of Dad, and 'big thank you' to Marie Curie

REPORT by
TIM CHAPMAN

A BARRY man is to ride the 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats – to thank Marie Curie, Penarth, for the exceptional care the staff provided for his father in his final days.

Glyn Cleaver was just 63 when he died of oesophageal cancer in October 2011.

His son Paul said: "I'm undertaking the ride in memory of my father and to say 'thank you' to Marie Curie in Penarth.

"It was just 35 days from my father's diagnosis until his death. At first he was cared for in the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff. The two girls in there were working flat out.

"He was transferred to Marie Curie and the level of treatment for him, and also for the family, was incredible."

Glyn was originally from Gabalfa in Cardiff. He served in the Army and also worked at Dow Corning. He spent the final 15 years of his life in Rhosneigr.

Although, Glyn was made redundant in the year 2000, Paul said it led to one of the most pleasurable periods in his life.

"With his redundancy he was able to tour round Europe for a year-and-a-half in a camper van he bought.

"He was also able to fit in the rounds of the European superbikes championship.

"It was a great time for him and his wife Julie."

On July 19, Paul will be driven down to Cornwall by his family – wife Becky, his daughter Hollie (22) and son Marcus (21).

"I'm going down to Newquay. The next morning I've got an early start because we start the ride at 6am from Land's End.

"It will take 10 days so it averages out at 100 miles a day."

Paul, like his father before him, works at Dow Corning: "I've had great support from family, friends and work colleagues, but hope that other people I've known over the years, or are sympathetic to the Marie Curie cause, will back me, too."

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Paul Cleaver, who is raising funds for Marie Curie.

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Rachael Power, Breast Cancer Care

Area Fundraiser, Wales

Parade climbdown

AT the end of the Second World War, a 'Victory Parade' for servicemen was organised by the council in Barry, sponsored by the Mayor.

Objections were received from a number of councillors because Merchant seamen were going to be included in the parade.

These councillors stated that the Merchant Navy was not entitled to march, as the parade was for personnel from the three services, Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force only.

A greater insult to the people of Barry could not have been made, most families having lost a member, a relation, or

a near neighbour at sea during the war.

These men, some as young as 15, and others as old as 68, were unsung heroes, and only through their efforts and sacrifice was Britain fed and armed, to enable it to keep fighting.

Most Barry service-men had relatives or friends who had served in the Merchant Navy, and refused to march unless the Merchant Navy were included.

It was a situation reminiscent of the Luton Riots, and if the parade went ahead without these men, the same action might take place.

The council backed down, quickly took another vote, and included the Merchant Navy in the parade.

Tom Clegett, Barry.

'Thank you for the pleasure'

THROUGH THE GEM, I would like to thank all the children and parents I have worked with during my time as a teacher at Romilly Primary School.

I joined the staff of what was then Romilly Infants back in 1997.

I had changed my career and was in my mid-30s, looking for new challenges.

I was lucky enough to be in the company of Dawn Lonney, Lesley Davies and the inimitable, greatly-missed Jayne Van Praag – three teachers who led by example and taught me well.

Over the 15 years that I have worked, both at Romilly and as a supply teacher at other schools, teaching has certainly proved to be challenging –

ing, as well as deeply rewarding!

In the last four years, I have had ME and have now decided to leave my job. I love teaching but I cannot find the strength to do the job to the standard I expect of myself and that each class deserves.

I shall get the chance to thank my colleagues in person, but I want to thank every child I have had the privilege to learn with and all their parents, whose support, help and kindness has always meant a great deal to me.

I have no idea what new adventures lie ahead, but I leave Romilly with the very best of wishes to everyone I have been fortunate enough to know. *Diolch i chi a hwyl fawr!*

Kate Hirst,

Llanwit Major.

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Wartime Weekend a success – but what next?

I WOULD like to reply, on behalf of the organisers of the Wartime Weekend, to Mr Simpson's recent letter, referring to the stories of Barry's Merchant seamen during the Second World War.

Mr Simpson is correct, inasmuch as the story of the suffering of these men and boys should be told, along with those of their families left behind.

However, the Wartime Weekend sought to remind people of that aspect of their history for which there was no memorial; the fact that thousands of US Servicemen were stationed in and around Barry during the Second World War.

These were not only support troops – there were combat troops who never returned from the European battlefields.

For example, the 28th Infantry Division, which was decimated during the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest, left south Wales in March/April for the Swindon area, and there were approximately 5,000 combat soldiers camped at Brynhill and Wenvoe between May 16 and June 2, 1944.

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch played an active part in the Wartime Weekend. Their standard was carried at the Friday parade, and many veterans were guests of honour at the 1940s evening, held on-site on the Saturday.

Despite torrential rain on the Saturday, an estimated 2,000 visitors came to see the event and the exhibitions on display at Barry Island Railway Station. This rose to an estimated 8,000 when the sun came out on the Sunday.

The event website attracted over 1,600 visits from 125 countries, and 176 UK cities in the last month; firmly placing Barry on the all-weather tourist map for this one weekend.

As positive feedback about the event continues to pour in from many sources, one thing is certain; the weekend proved the all-weather attraction value of Heritage Tourism to Barry; but what next?

The event was not only a success for the many thousands of visitors who came to Barry from all over the UK, but for Barry's own heritage and youth groups, of which many were involved in the planning and delivery of the weekend.

As thousands of new homes are built in the town, providing Section 106 money paid to the council by the developers, (and the one per cent that needs to be allotted to the arts), it would seem that the time is right to drive forward Barry's Arts and Heritage Centre, as part of the town's regeneration.

We also have a new and fresh, forward-thinking

'UK is becoming an absolute joke'

JUST a week or so ago, it was announced that Wales would be losing over 600 front line police officers.

We now have an announcement from this Con-Dem Government that they are going to cut 20,000 army personnel, which will leave us with a token 82,000 fighting troops, plus intend to use 30,000 from the TA.

How on earth are they going to do that? We probably have service personnel fighting in Afghanistan who are going to be thrown on the scrap heap.

This country is now becoming an absolute joke. We have a sparse air force, the Royal

Navy has been cut to ribbons, we have no air-craft carriers, even if we did have a carrier, we have no planes to launch from them due to previous cuts.

I always thought that it was the duty of any Government to serve and PROTECT its citizens.

Well, this Government obviously couldn't give a hoot about the safety and well-being of its citizens.

It is high time that cuts were made to this Government – abolish their expenses, abolish their second home allowances, and get rid of the House of Lords.

We can't wait another three years or so to dump this lot. We must get rid of them now.

D J Radford, Barry.

council and a new Barry Regeneration team.

The feasibility study commissioned by the council last year came up with several workable proposals, and the proposal submitted to the Barry Regeneration Board this time last year by the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition was designed to work with any donated building; providing a 'Hub and Spoke' strategy designed to spread the benefit of an Arts and Heritage Centre across the Vale.

'Wartime Weekend' proved that Barry heritage and arts groups can (and do) work together.

What is needed now is for the council and the Welsh Government's Barry Regeneration Board to do the same, and help these volunteer groups by formulating a combined events plan which supports events that attract people to the town throughout the year, while driving forwards the sourcing of a suitable facility for the centre.

This could be as simple as 'gifting' a building or part of a building to the groups.

Perhaps then we'll have a fitting tribute to Barry's Merchant Navy story, along with all the other aspects of the Vale's unique heritage.

One only has to look at the Valleys town of Blaenavon to see the benefit that such a facility could bring to the regeneration of Barry.

ADE PITMAN, (Barry at War/Caretaker Chair of Vale Heritage Centre Coalition, Barry).

'We should stick with Welsh NHS'

ONCE again, Our MP, Alun Cairns, attacks the Welsh NHS and praises the yet unproven reforms to the NHS in England.

He urges Wales to adopt these reforms. We should be careful, because the long-term aim of the Conservative party has always been to disband the NHS and privatisate healthcare.

Oliver Letwin, a senior Tory MP, said before

the last election: "If we get a Conservative majority Government, there will be no NHS in five years."

We should stick with the Welsh NHS, which gives good service to the majority of people, and we should reject any suggestion of English-type NHS reforms that were not wanted by the majority of people working in, or using, the NHS in England.

G Smith, Llanwit Major

IS IT JUST ME?

FIRST there was the Mohawk hairdo, then stud piercing (including the tongue); now we have body tattooing.

This has become a big craze, but I find it nauseating. On TV recently, we were shown a man with his face tattooed like a skull.

What on earth induces anyone to do such a thing? The mind boggles!

I ask myself, what next? Will it be war paint, feathered skirt and headdress?

Mrs Heveron, Rhoose.

Congratulations to Alfred at 101!

WHAT a happy photo of Alfred Mills in last week's GEM – seen cutting a cake for his 101st birthday.

I've always looked forward to his articles, which were always full of interesting items from his life at Porthkerry.

I am sending many congratulations to "You and the cake are looking very well!"

Doris M Thomas, St Athan.

'The Queen could stand as President!'

IN your July 5 edition, letter writer Gerwyn Thomas, Llanwit Major, asks, 'Who would be President?' then mentions some political heavy-weights.

This response to the question of a republic is nothing new and, in my view, is used to scare people away from a genuine discussion of this issue.

May I suggest that there may be people, such as myself who are opposed to a hereditary system of an unelected Head of State, but do not necessarily have any issues with members of the current royal family.

In short, it is the institution of the 'monarchy', and not the individuals, that I find unacceptable.

May I also point out that as a citizen of this

country, if it were a republic, then there would be nothing stopping a certain Mrs E Windsor from entering politics with a view to putting herself forward for the presidency; or anyone from her family, for that matter.

If she did so, I, for one, would vote for her, as I believe her to be the best person for the job.

Furthermore, there are members of the royal family who are not held in as much affection.

What if one of these should find themselves taking the crown? Even the royals have accidents, illnesses, etc. I wonder if the monarchy would survive under these circumstances.

And that is the issue here; for under the present system, we, the people, would have to accept it.

(Name and address supplied).

'Republics better off than Wales'

A S a native of these shores, I found it difficult not to feel a sense of embarrassment when reading the out-dated propositions posed by a fellow native of these shores, (Gerwyn Thomas' GEM letter, July 5).

It begs the question, are these republican citizens also to be described as 'strident' – simply because they are republicans and enjoy this better way of life?

A published report claims that Britain under the system of a monarchy, has the worse social mobility in the advanced Western world. A powerful monarchy breeds a nation of sycophants.

It is about time we grew up and stopped believing in fairy stories of princes and princesses, join the modern world and consign the monarchy to the history books where it truly belongs.

Finally, like Mr Thomas, I also served in the RAF but, in contrast, it seems I've got over it. D Williams, Rhoose. (SEE ALSO PAGE 10)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point

will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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12 Thur	00.55	8.0	13.21	7.7
13 Fri	01.57	7.7	14.32	7.5
14 Sat	03.11	7.4	15.51	7.5
15 Sun	04.21	7.6	16.47	7.8
16 Mon	05.19	7.9	17.42	8.3
17 Tues	05.59	8.4	18.24	8.7
18 Wed	06.47	8.8	19.03	9.2
19 Thur	07.26	9.1	19.41	9.3

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AS THE TOWN'S CIVIC SERVICE IS HELD...

Barry Mayor pledges 'youth' will be at centre of his year in office

BARRY Civic Service took place at the Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, on Sunday, July 7.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword was joined by a number of guests, including the Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker and the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck.

Father Ben Andrews, the Mayor's chaplain for the year, conducted the service.

Coun Sword told The GEM: "The service went very well and I thought Ben's sermon was excellent."

"This year, I'm keen to highlight youth causes, so the charities I have chosen to support are Ty Hafan (based in Sully) and the Teenage Cancer Trust."



ABOVE:
The Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, with his consort, wife Rachel, and the deputy Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis, accompanied by her consort, husband Rob Curtis. Also in attendance were the Vale's AM Jane Hutt, the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker and the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck.

BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NEWS

The new boys (and girls) weigh up senior school



LEFT:
Some of the pupils are pictured in the chemistry lab, analysing inks - to uncover forgeries!

WINDSOR HOTEL

Friday 13th July

Dave Bowen Live from 6 - 8pm

Saturday 14th July

STACEY ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL DAY
(In aid of Teenage Cancer Trust)

There will be live music & BBQ from 2pm. Artists to include Rob Barbour, Dave Bartlett and more, also Rockhouse will be live from 7pm till late into the evening.

We also have raffles and auctions with prizes to include a signed Cardiff City top, a signed Welsh rugby grand slam shirt and also an Olympic boxing glove signed by all of the members of the Great British squad, plus much more.

Sunday 15th July

The Daggers Live from 6pm

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SEPTEMBER may seem a long way off, but Barry Comprehensive School's new year-7 students and their parents are ready for 'back to school'.

Last week, the parents of year-6 students were invited to an open evening for a presentation, and a chance to look around the school and chat to teachers.

The boys, who are currently in year-6, then spent a day at Barry Comprehensive, attending lessons, meeting teachers and finding their way around.

These final preparations are the culmination of the school's transition programme, which is designed to make the big move to secondary education a little easier for students and their parents.

QUESTION:
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Tories' choice

BARRY man, Thomas Burley, has been chosen by Vale Conservatives to stand in the Buttrills by-election on August 2, following the sad loss of Coun Margaret Alexander.

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A LOCAL SCHOOL'S TREMENDOUS YEAR!



WHAT a year it has been for the families of Barry Island Primary School – Grwp Goleudy (the Lighthouse Group) met weekly to train, chat and contribute to the life of the school, and the whole school community has enjoyed activities from meeting snowmen to riding unicycles.

As a result of the work done by Lynne Osborne and the Families First team, the school continued to provide opportunities for adults to further their education and gain qualifications. Grwp Goleudy has enjoyed learning to create floral art, decorate cakes, weave with willow, use basic first aid skills, and more.

Almost 20 parents gained certificates from the Open College Network for completing the reading course provided by Mrs Davies. The children were incredibly proud of their parents and presented them with their certificates on the same day the school welcomed Becky Wickett from the Vale Families Information Service to receive the first award in Barry for supporting and enhancing the work of FIS.

Parents were keen to give as well as to receive – they ran a Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning. Cakes were made, sold and quickly eaten by the whole school, as well as the local community.

The Play Rangers provided fun activities all year – the staff would like to thank them, and especially Jo Jones, for the Saturday sessions, and for their incredible input to the BIPs Winter Wonderland.

Derwen Bakehouse provided some delicious bara brith and cakes, as well as gingerbread men, for the children – Mr Golding would like to say 'diolch' to the bakers at St Fagans on behalf of himself, and the school choir.

Families helped their children learn about the value of money and began saving through a weekly drop in session. While the children added to their accounts, the adults lost some weight through the weekly support of the Community Well-being Team!

The Re-create centre provided opportunities for families to buy reclaimed materials. They make good use of these for affordable, eco-friendly fun.

The school ran a 'Men Behaving Daddy' adventure day with Mr Nurton where everyone had a go at juggling, plate spinning, the UV parachute, unicycling and den building. Mrs Everitt would like to say a special thank you to Re-create for the hire of the unicycle.

At every event, the community is welcome. Many ex-parents and volunteers come back to support and enjoy the team spirit of the school.

Mrs Davies would like to thank everyone involved for all they have done to make the group such a success this year.

If anyone fancies joining the group next year, get in touch through the school, or visit: www.goleudy.info for more information and pictures.

LESLEY DAVIES



District governor visits Barry Rotarians



Barry President John Shapland (right) with District Governor 1150 Bob Lewis.

ROTARY'S
District 1150
Governor, Bob Lewis, was the special guest at the Rotary Club of Barry's first dinner meeting of the new Rotary year on July 5 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

He highlighted 'Peace through Service' and 'Fun through Fellowship.'

He went on to speak of changes in the organisation of the Rotary movement as well as the importance of recruiting younger members (men and women).

Barry Rotary Club's newly-elected president John Shapland thanked him for a most interesting talk.

The District Governor's visit marked the start of a busy month for the Barry Club who are organising a 'pork in the park' barbecue on at the Welsh Hawking centre, while making preparations to attend the Vale Show at Ffommor in August, where they will be supporting Stroke Awareness by offering free blood pressure checks and also raising money for charity with a fundraising stall – full details to be announced.

The club recently participated in the National Rotary Club's Kids Out Event, taking a coach full of selected pupils from Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Palmerston Primary School and

Pupils learn how to deal with flooding

A FLOOD management workshop was held for a group of 56 year-8 and 9 pupils from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive on Tuesday July 3.

The girls were able to gain first-hand knowledge and expertise from professionals involved in the Coldbrook Flood Management Scheme.

There was an opportunity for the pupils to participate in a variety of activities during the day, such as 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'-type interactive quizzes, as well as investigating actual flood hazards and flood action plans.

It was a very enjoyable, interesting and informative session for all involved.

Barry police enforce local 'no right turn'



PCSO Rachel Ward and PCSO Jenny Meadows at Barry Comprehensive School

POLICE in Barry have been tackling road traffic issues at Barry Comprehensive School.

Officers have taken action after receiving reports of vehicles contravening the 'no right turn' rule from Port Road into the school grounds.

As a result, the local Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the school recently and

stopped and advised a number of offending motorists.

PC Ceri Western said: "The 'no right turn' rule is in place to ensure the safety of the children, staff and visitors to the school, so it is crucial that motorists comply with this measure.

"Officers will be repeating the exercise in the area in the near future, and offending drivers will be dealt with accordingly."

Paralympian visits ladies of Sully WI!



ABOVE: Sara Head thanks the members for the money they raised towards her Paralympics costs.

IN JUNE, SULLY WI
welcomed
Paralympian table
tennis player Sara
Head to their
'Indoor Olympics'.

Earlier in the month, they held a fundraising 'Evening with Roy Noble' for Sara, and with the help of members, friends and visitors raised £900 to support her in her quest for gold in her first Paralympic Games.

President Anne Rees presented Sara with the cheque and Sara told the members what a great difference the money would make to her preparations for September.

In the WI Olympics, members could take

part in five activities, collecting points as they competed.

Sara entered into the spirit of the games by taking on members at table tennis. Gold (chocolate) medals were awarded to the winners and Sara was given one as a souvenir to take with her to the games.

Sully WI wish Sara good luck in her competitions and look forward to seeing her again to hear about her experiences in London.

ANNE REES

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Supermarket promises to develop community links Waterfront's Asda store opening is set for autumn

BARRY'S Waterfront consortium says the new Asda in the town will be a state-of-the-art store, creating 300 local jobs and providing more retail choice in the town.

The consortium struck the deal with Asda as preparatory work on the next phase of development got under way.

House building at the Waterfront is set to start next spring. A sales centre is expected to open in 12 months' time and the new Asda is projected to open for business in autumn 2013.

The 32,000 square feet store will be Asda's first

in the Vale and will be built to the latest environmental standards.

Oliver Jones, of ASDA, emphasised: "Each store has a dedicated community colleague whose role it is to make links with local residents and groups to help with fundraising and volunteering."

"Of course, there will also be up to 300 jobs of all types available for local people in the store."

"We typically start recruiting about three months before a store opens and will provide more information further down the line about how to apply for these."

The fact that Asda will be building one of the most environmentally friendly supermarkets in

The Quays development marks the final phase in the large-scale regeneration of the waterfront and aims to create a sustainable mixed-use community focused around the water, with new parks and children's play areas, promenades and public spaces to help connect the existing communities of Barry Island and Barry town.

It will consist of a new £5million link road from Barry town to Barry Island, a waterfront district centre featuring cafés and restaurants, a hotel, supermarket, as well as up to 2,000 new homes, including 15 per cent affordable housing.

As part of the scheme's Section 106 agreement, the consortium will also invest a further £8million in local road improvements, a new primary school, sustainable transport measures, and improvements to community facilities, including water sports and public open space.

The consortium comprises developers Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd, Persimmon Homes and BDW Trading (Barratt South Wales).

asked to vote for their favourite painting. Once more, it was a difficult task, but Jan Parson's painting of 'Marney', a delightful picture in pastels, came first, with June Price's picture 'Sunday morning' second, and Sue Kelly's picture 'Rooftops at St Mona's, Fife' came third.

There was a wide sprinkling of votes around the other paintings.

Sully Painting Group thank all who came and by their support made the exhibition such a success.

A big thank you is due to the members, for all their hard work during the two days, raising a large sum for our charities.

Twenty per cent of money from the sale of paintings and all the rest of our profit will be going to these two charities later in the year.

Ros Adams

RAIN HOLDS OFF FOR SULLY EXHIBITION



ABOVE:
Jan with her winning painting

OVER the years, the Sully Painting Group has been blessed with hot, sunny weather for its annual exhibition – but this year the forecast was for rain and wind.

In the event, we were very lucky as the rain held off until the last hour.

In the exhibition held on June 22-23 in the Jubilee Hall in Sully, there were about 50 paintings more than last year reflecting the increase in membership of the group.

However, this did not compromise on the quality on show.

All of the paintings on show had been created by the group members over the last 12 months, and they derive a lot of pleasure knowing that their hobby helps to generate funds for charity.

Each year, those visiting the exhibition are

present and perform an interpretation of challenging novels.

Recent news has focused on the lack of provision for 'more able and talented' pupils, and the lack of support and inspiration for boys in industrial, working class areas.

As a result, one of the boys has felt compelled to put pen to paper and become a budding author himself (and has already started to write his own book!).

These are examples of pupils not only succeeding, but excelling in reading, writing and performing in both languages; dispelling any concerns about the value and rigour of bilingual education.

Ysgol Sant Curig enjoy national success

PUPILS from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig achieved a remarkable double recently, by winning the English-medium children's literary competition – national book quiz, a spokesperson reports.

This follows their success in last month's Welsh book quiz, where they were successful for the second year running. This is the first time that a school has won, not only in successive years, but also both quizzes during the same academic year!

Both competitions involved a demanding degree of sophistication and maturity in such young students: the ability to read, understand, discuss,

There could be 'flexibility' on the Buttrills cycleway – CLAIMS LOCAL RESIDENT

LAST week The GEM featured residents of The Pastures in Barry's Colcot area who were angry that a cycleway was being constructed near their homes.

They claimed it should be built on the other side of Buttrills Field.

The Vale Council explained that the route along the northern and eastern boundaries was considered to have least impact on residents because it runs alongside the adjoining cemetery.

Mr Julian Mappledoram contacted The GEM newsroom to say the residents of The Pastures are not alone in "vehemently" opposing the planned route of the Buttrills cycleway.

He explained: "Residents of Heathfield Drive that I have spoken to share these concerns.

"If in these difficult

times money can be found to build what looks like a motorway, on virgin, green, open space, abutting or within metres of our homes, then it should at least be located in a position where it is likely to be used and where the impact on residents is minimised."

Mr Mappledoram insisted that a 'western' side cycleway could have worked.

"Examination of pedestrian use within the Buttrills fields shows that the majority of users travel in a diagonal direction between North Walk and the linking path to Colcot Road at the top of Heathfield Drive.

"We all know that human behaviour is to take the short route and children, for whom the cycleway is purportedly being constructed, are no exception.

"Constructing the cycleway totally on the cemetery side of the

Buttrills rather than predominantly on the western side is short-sighted from the use point of view.

"A route from along the western side could have been constructed to both maximise use and also minimise antagonising any residents whether in Woodham Park, North Walk, Heathfield Drive or Colcot Road, Vale

"Officers have it seems confirmed to Coun Claire Curtis that football pitches can be moved. Some flexibility therefore does exist."

Mr Mappledoram said

the saga highlighted concerns over lack of consultation and over how robust local democracy was.

"Although many residents affected directly by this development will want to complain few will. They know it is probably futile.

"Like the development of White Farm any protestations will be

overruled by some anonymous bureaucrat it be an excellent idea to re-open the path that leads from the cemetery lane onto Buttrills Field which was opened at great expense a few years ago and then closed due to alleged complaints of misuse?"

"This would not only give access from St Fagans Ave and North Walk, but would open up the access route to the along the edge of the Slade Road and Buttrills Field, wouldn't Cornwall Road area."

Bike ride for Marie Curie



Glyn Cleaver with his grandson Marcus.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Paul added: "I've been training with friends at work and managed to ride up to 150 miles a week, and have even done the odd 100 mile days, but the weather has hampered things a bit."

"Dow Corning has said it will provide some match-funding so the more I raise, the more the company will donate."

"So far I've raised £1,865 – my target was £2,000. Now I'm hoping to exceed it."

If you would like to support Paul's Marie Curie venture, and one of the Vale's great causes, please go to: <http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Cleaver0>

Docks Link Road traffic lights may be ready by autumn

CONSTRUCTION work to install traffic lights on Barry Docks Link Road, a road safety blackspot, will begin on July 23.

The road features two junctions – one into Argae Lane, where St

Richard Gwyn School is located, the other on the opposite site of the road, into Coldbrook Road East.

In recent years, there have been a number of fatal accidents.

The road, and its two junctions, have been a vexed issue for council-

lors over the years. Engineers once installed a camera which showed motorists making numerous illegal manoeuvres – including u-turns.

However, thanks to a £600,000 grant from the South East Wales Transport Alliance the Vale Council's highways department can start work on the lights.

The project could last for up to 16 weeks.

The work will require temporary traffic management and will include a temporary 30mph speed restriction to be enforced throughout the construction phase and a temporary ban imposed on traffic turning right into Coldbrook Road East and into and out of Argae Lane.

Vale engineers believe disruption will be minimised by starting work during the school holidays when traffic flows are lower.

Cwtch show

SUPPORTERS of the Daniel Downton Cwtch Fund were treated to an impressive musical extravaganza as students from two local music teachers, Jo Weaving and Sara Ghazi-Torbat, came together to perform in a concert raising money for the charity.

The concert took place at Highlight Park Community Centre (which the committee provided free of charge), and included a wide variety of acts including solos, groups, instrumentalists, pianists and vocalists, and was expertly compered by Mr Simon Griffin.

The total raised, which included a raffle, refreshments and ticket sales was £660. JW

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ALL SAINTS PUPILS HOLD A MINI-BEAST 'BUG BALL' TO MARK THE END OF TERM!

NURSERY children at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School have held their own 'Bug' Ball' to celebrate all they have been learning about mini-beasts during the term.

Children and staff dressed as their favourite mini beasts and made 'bug' party food for their ball. There were snail sandwiches, ladybird biscuits, caterpillar cakes, fruit bugs and worm crisps.

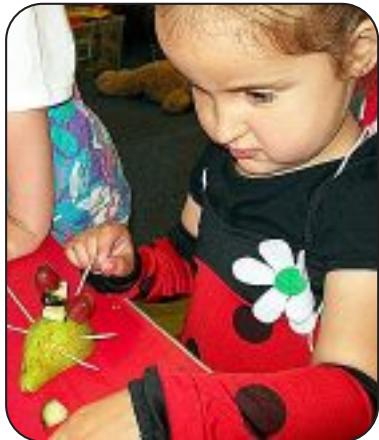
The children and their teacher, Emma Evans, ate the funny food, dancing to creepy-crawly calypso music and playing party games like musical bumpy bug.

A special guest of honour at their ball was former pupil, David Evans, who was an Olympic torchbearer. At 17, he is the youngest badminton umpire in the UK and the school is very proud of his achievement.

Ms Evans said: "The children have been so enthusiastic about this topic that it seemed appropriate to celebrate their learning in such a fun way."

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Snail sandwiches, worm crisps - and even a visit from an Olympic torchbearer!



Honour long overdue

AN interesting article by Howard Jesmond on the life and intellect of the late Alan Turing appeared in The GEM on June 28 under 'Penarth Computer Club looks at the Alan Turing centenary'.

Details of his birth, brilliant education (public school Sherborne, followed by King's College, Cambridge), made no mention of his sad and tragic end by suicide.

A brilliant man, dis-honoured in his own lifetime, but fully deserving of rehabilitation and honours (posthumously) now. Christopher Short, Barry.

IN BRIEF

Clairvoyance

Cadoxton Christian Spiritualist Church is holding an evening of clairvoyance with Alan Havard on July 20 at 7pm, admission £3. All proceeds towards the renovation of the church.

Scout jumble

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout group will hold a jumble sale at 1.30pm on Saturday, July 21 in the Scout Hall, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

By-election candidate

CARDIFF South and Penarth Liberal Democrats have selected Dr Bablin Molik as their candidate for the Cardiff South and Penarth by-election.

Dr Molik is a researcher and mother of two.

The current MP Alun Michael (Labour) is resigning to stand as South Wales' police and crime commissioner.

Millie cheats death after being 'flushed' out to sea

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A ST ATHAN resident is warning people who walk along the public right of way in Limpert Bay, near Aberthaw Power Station, to watch out for strong undercurrents in the water – after her dog, Millie, was sucked down one of the drains and washed out to sea.

Jenny French was walking Millie along the right of way last month when the seven-month-old Labrador ran through what looked like a puddle near one of the storm drains.

Unknown to her and her owner, it in fact was hiding a strong undercurrent, and Millie was sucked down into the drain.

Speaking to The GEM, Jenny explained: "The current in there was too strong for her to swim against and there was no way I could get in to her."

"She was sucked in to the exit tunnel, which slips under the beach and out to sea."

Jenny ran down to the beach and searched for the exit, which, to her horror, was not only underwater, but also concreted over. Luckily for her and Millie, there was an exit to the tunnel underneath the pipe from which Millie must have exited.

"I looked around for another exit, waist deep in water, and she was just there floating



Jenny French with her lucky Labrador, Millie.



The drain where Millie's ordeal began. Millie was sucked in underneath the concrete edge through an entrance "not visible" above water.

behind me," Jenny added. "It was a whole five minutes from when she disappeared to when I saw her and I felt relief, but then I realised she wasn't moving."

"I had to carry her over a mile to the car, which was awful. Millie weighs 22kg and was a dead weight, and I was soaked through."

"We rushed to Llanwit vets, even though they have no emergency department, because I was worried Millie wouldn't make it to Cowbridge."

"She wasn't breathing, so they gave her an adrenaline shot but had no oxygen to give her, so we rushed to

Cowbridge.

"She was unconscious and not breathing, basically drowned, but the vet said that because she was knocked unconscious at an early stage she didn't swallow too much water or struggle and break any bones so that is maybe what saved her."

Jenny stated she wasn't complaining that this incident was due to anyone's negligence – she wanted to highlight the dangers so that others would not have to go through a similar ordeal.

"This needs to be highlighted because it could have been a child. Millie isn't little anymore."

"If I didn't say anything and something happened to somebody else I'd feel so guilty."

"People I've spoken to about it were shocked because they've been there with their kids."

The Vale Council's operational manager, highways and engineering, Andrew Loosmore, said: "We're sorry to hear about the puppy's nasty experience; it must have been very distressing for her and her owner."

"The matter has been reported to us and we are investigating."

"The storm drains at this location do not belong to the council and are the responsibility of whoever owns the land. We are currently attempting to identify the land owner."

Despite a "wobbly" few days, Millie has since made a full recovery.

ALL SAINTS' OLYMPIC STUDIES FAR FROM A GREEK TRAGEDY!



AS part of their studies on the Olympics, year-3 children at All Saints Primary School had their very own 'Greek Day', dressing in Ancient Greek clothing and enjoying some special activities. They painted plates,

made olive wreath crowns, contested a javelin, discus and shot throwing competition, and tasted authentic Greek food.

Mrs Williams, class teacher, gave a big thank you to Mrs Grigoriou and her family for all the delicious food they prepared and the labels in Greek and English for all the food and the ingredients



used.

The meatballs went down very well, but the children's favourite was the sweet almond flavoured biscuits, which they ate in the class 'Taverna'.

The children later enjoyed Greek dancing and plate throwing, which were a huge success.

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Insight into the art of a woman potter

RHOOSE WI met at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, on July 5 when members were welcomed by president Jenny Reed and settled

down to hear Marjorie Page talk about the life and work of Clarice Cliff, the designer and potter.

Her talk was beautifully illustrated with examples of Cliff's pottery and with colourful illustrations of her designs.

Born into a poor family in the potters, Clarice left school at 13 and rose from apprentice, to designer, to management, while still living with her parents in their 'two-up, two-down' house.

Her work is now, of course, world famous

and is frequently to be seen on the many antiques programmes on TV.

Susan Grant gave the vote of thanks.

WI business was resumed with the reading of correspondence and reminders of the various events due to take place in the coming months, (details to be found in the current GFWI newsletter).

A number of members volunteered to take part in the scheme to teach schoolchildren to knit and it is hoped that this will begin shortly.

On behalf of members, Elsa Jones thanked Brenda Roe for organising the recent trip to Broadway and Stanway house in the Cotswolds, with everyone enjoying the shopping and sightseeing on what proved to

be a gloriously sunny day! Members were reminded about the Jubilee party planned for the August meeting and were asked to join in the hat-making competition.

Competition results were as follows: Pink accessory, Jan Daily; raffle, Mavis Crockett.

The next meeting will take place at the Community Hall, Stewart Road on August 2 at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming events: July 19, lunch club at the Farmer's Arms, St Bride's at 12noon; July 20, skittles at Rhoose Social Club at 2pm and afterwards at the Coffee Time Cafe; July 31, tour and tea at Fomon Castle at 2pm.

Every Tuesday at 11am, coffee and chat at Coffee Time. JJ

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PRIZEWINNING VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE



AS part of celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, the Vale Open Learning Centre held a writing competition open to all its basic skills and ESOL learners.

The task was to describe life in the UK today. There were 50 entries and the Vale Mayor hosted a reception to congratulate the three winners.

Coun Eric Hacker said: "I am extremely impressed with the result of this competition and considering many of the students do not find writing easy and the ESOL learners are writing in a language that is not their mother tongue, this is an

excellent achievement."

In the photograph with the Mayor (above) are first prize winner, Alena Matysova, originally from Czech Republic; who has lived in the UK for several years, but recently relocated to Barry;

Second prize, Chayoung Jeong, originally from Korea, who has lived in the UK for 10 years.

Third prize, Laurent Brule from the south of France, has moved to Wales with his family and is living in Penarth.

His aim is to improve the English language skills of the whole family. His children attend school in the Vale.

ABOVE:
The three prizewinners are pictured with the Vale Mayor at the presentation.

AM makes connections to support Diabetes UK

VALE AM Jane Hutt helped Diabetes UK Cymru make connections with people living with diabetes by meeting constituents at the Welsh Assembly on July 4.

She attended their annual lobby event at the National Assembly's Ty Hywel, taking place as more than 5 per cent of people in the Vale are now diagnosed with diabetes, a number which is growing every year.

During the event, held from 12 noon-1.15pm, Ms Hutt AM met the charity's volunteers to talk about their experiences of living with the condition and discovered what is being done to support people with diabetes

in Wales. The event was inspired by the theme of Diabetes Week 2012 - 'Making Connections'.

Ms Hutt AM said: "By making connections with those with diabetes both at this event and outside it, we can help raise awareness about this serious lifelong condition."

Dai Williams, National Director of Diabetes UK Cymru, said: "Diabetes is rapidly rising in Wales and as more people are diagnosed they need to know their voices are being heard by their representatives."

For further information about diabetes, call 029 20668276, email: wales@diabetes.org.uk or visit: www.diabetes.org.uk/wales.

Council cabinet going out and about in Vale

A pre-election pledge to make local decision-making "more transparent and inclusive" has led the Vale Council's new cabinet to take its meetings out of Barry.

It currently meets at the Civic Offices, but these meetings will now be held regularly at other venues in the Vale.

Labour Leader of the council, Coun Neil Moore, explained:

"When we took power in May, we pledged that we would be a transparent and inclusive administration, that would consider the views of local people as part of its decision making process.

"The cabinet is responsible for making hundreds of decisions that affect local people and the council. In an effort to be more accessible to our residents, we will hold cabinet meetings in local venues and encourage people to come along and take the opportunity to ask any questions they may have."

The first 'community' cabinet meeting will be held at Barry Town Hall on July 23 at 6pm, but future meetings are scheduled in Llanwit Major Town Hall on October 15, Penarth on January 21, and Cowbridge on April 22. All the meetings will start at 6pm.

Coun Moore continued: "We will also continue to meet as usual, on alternate Mondays, at 2pm at the Civic Offices.

"The public are welcome to attend any of these meetings."

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Pints, pies and postal orders

IN the current climate, pub owners know that it takes more than just pulling pints to make a pub a success.

If you're a rural pub owner based in the Vale and think you could benefit from offering additional services to your pub, then read on...

Shoulder of Mutton, North Yorkshire: This pub has not only added a shop selling produce, but a pre-order meat and fish scheme for locals. With a blackboard displaying the range of quality fresh meat and fish available from suppliers, the landlord adds this to his own order for the pub each day. Quality fresh fish and meat are ready for customers within 24 hours.

The Golden Lion, Llangynhafal, Denbighshire: Here they have introduced a Cinema Club which shows films free of charge for the local community and visitors. The pub was previously closed on Monday, but now the Cinema Club shows films one evening a month.

Pub is The Hub is currently working with Creative Rural Communities, the Vale's Rural Regeneration initiative, in supporting local pubs to diversify their main service to help create vibrant community hubs. Examples include post offices, farm shops, cinemas, libraries, Wi-Fi, luncheon clubs, school dinners and delicatessens.

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Local woman's 500-mile charity walk for Ty Hafan



ABOVE: The road sign that marks the start of the pilgrims' trek.

A LOCAL woman has completed a mammoth charity walk in aid of Ty Hafan.

Dawn Cole set herself the challenge of tackling the 'pilgrim walk' from southern France to Santiago de Compostella in northern Spain.

It involved walking a total of 780km, at a time of year when temperatures in Spain were rising past 30 degrees Celsius.

In the final stages of the walk, when Dawn was just 40kms from Santiago de Compostella, she told The GEM: "My walk has taken me through several regions. The first was Navarra, where I started in St Pied de Port in southern France, which took me over the Pyrenees and into Spain.

"The walk over the Pyrenees was very special, the first part being extremely steep, but the

rest was amazing.

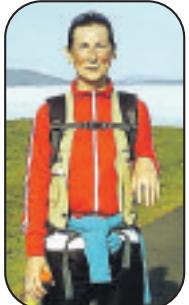
"Walking above the clouds was out of this world! At a coffee stop there I discovered I was the first Welsh person going over this year.

"Next was La Rioja region, famous for its wine, where the walks took me through vineyards and in this region I managed to cover 30km in a day - from Logrono to Najera.

"The next region was Castilla y Leon. The first few days were a variety of climbs and lovely countryside, but from Burgos-Leon, this part is called the Meseta (table) and is quite flat."

Dawn said that because of the heat, she made an early start each day and tried to reach her destination by noon, as there is little shade to be found.

She continued: "I have now been in Galicia for six days. It's great walking here for



ABOVE: Dawn Cole in the Pyrenees.

me, as it's so much like Wales."

She reflected: "The walk has been an amazing experience, but a bit of a blur right now, as you walk, sleep, wash clothes, eat, then sleep again before rising around 5.30am and doing it all over again.

"The majority of the paths have been quite difficult and very pebbly, and the mountains were very challenging.

"However, walking through the beautiful medieval hamlets, and a countryside filled with poppies, butterflies and the green fields and trees, framed against a turquoise sky, has been sublime."

She added: "To step outside our stressful lives and be free, walking in nature for a while, helps to bring life into perspective, as we connect with the bigger picture and realise how silly we are to become concerned over petty things."

Anyone wishing to acknowledge Dawn's walk by donating to Ty Hafan can do so through the Porthcawl restaurant, The Bay (telephone 01656 758575).

SUMMER ART AT ST RICHARD GWYN

ST RICHARD GWYN High School is holding a summer arts festival on July 11 from 7pm-8.30pm.

There will be a performance of music, an art exhibition, a traditional summer tea provided; all inclusive for £3/family ticket £10.

All profits go to the all-weather pitch.

Tickets are available from the finance office at the school.



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Vale Best Kept Village schools' competition results announced

THE results of the Best Kept Village schools' competition were announced at a buffet reception held at Dyffryn Gardens on Tuesday July 3, followed by a practical workshop on making scarecrows with Ceridwen Davies of Dyffryn.

The scarecrow on show this year was 'Florence', modelled on a 1930s owner of Dyffryn House and Gardens.

After an introductory talk, Ceridwen went on to demonstrate to the children how to make their own mini-scarecrows from items neatly laid in front of them. Excellent results were achieved with great enthusiasm.

This year, 15 schools entered the competition, eight primary and seven nursery schools. As with last year, two teams of judges went out to inspect the schools' outdoor design and gardening efforts. Mary Ponting and Barbara Hodges visited the primary schools, while Pam Robins and Christine Kelly the nursery age groups.

The children had put much thought and time into all their work, and despite this year's weather, excellent results were seen. Vegetables had flourished well in most gardens and flowers had not suffered too badly. Many schools are

now running good composting, recycling and water storage facilities. Wildlife is also a strong consideration at most locations.

Themes based on the Jubilee, Olympics and World War II were well represented. The judges especially liked a WWII model which included a bench with mum and daughter sitting on it and dad busy digging his garden! There was also a garden with a model of one of the Queen's corgis sitting in it!

The nursery school judges found one selling vegetables with an honesty box at their gate;

another had a splendid peace garden and a third had a car park for toy cars.

Watering remains a favourite activity, but bug hunting is still top of the bill when it comes to showing visitors around.

The winner of the primary school age group was Ashgrove primary.

St Andrews Major and St Nicholas Church in Wales primary schools were in joint second place.

Of the nursery school entries, two nurseries were so good and so close in standard that first prize was given jointly to them both - Cadoxton nursery school and Barry and Cogan nursery school, Penarth. In third place was Bute Cottage nursery, Penarth.

Llanfair primary school nursery was presented with a very highly commended award.



Ceridwen Davies demonstrates to pupils how to make a scarecrow.



Ashgrove Primary School won the primary school category.



Cadoxton Nursery School shared the top prize with Barry and Cogan Nursery School, Penarth.

in the Cory Education Centre. Our thanks also go to all our sponsors without whom we would be unable to award prizes. These include; The Vale

Council, town and community councils, CEMEX, Dyffryn Gardens and Ffos Las Race Course & Conference Centre.

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Showcase on creative arts!

Talented adult learners in Barry are preparing to exhibit their work at the annual arts and crafts exhibition at Palmerston Adult Education Centre, from July 12-14.

The annual event showcases the achievements of learners attending a wide variety of creative arts and ICT courses at community learning centres in Barry, including painting and drawings, photography, textiles, ceramics and sugarscraf.

Learners from the art course are busily framing some of the studies they have been working on in a variety of media including pencil, watercolours and oils.

Learners of all abilities work alongside one another to improve their techniques and take part in both classes and one-day workshops.

The sugarscraf display, as always, will be one of the highlights of the show with a stunning array of seasonal sugarscraf flowers, celebration and novelty cakes.

Many learners have become very accomplished and regularly make cakes for family and friends.

Textiles courses are back in fashion with many people clamouring to learn traditional skills of crochet, knitting and patchwork to produce home textiles and design and create family heirlooms.

Others are learning how to use a sewing machine and save money by making their own clothes that really fit or make repairs and alterations.

Learners will be displaying fashion-able bags and household accessories and some of the bags will be available to purchase.

Upholstery classes are also an excellent example of recycling and the exhibition will enable visitors to see the skills involved in stripping down and restoring furniture to its former glory.

Alongside displays of pottery and ceramics, stained glass and kiln glass fusion, there will be a number of craft stalls selling jewellery, cards and glasswork produced by tutors and learners who have become entrepreneurs.

Enrolments are now being taken for courses commencing in September and this is an ideal opportunity to see for yourself some of the courses on offer, including some exciting new courses in jewellery making, mosaics, embroidery and beading.

The exhibition will be launched on the evening of July 12 at 6.30pm and will run all day on both July 13-14 from 9.30am-3.30pm.

Visitors are invited to drop in, free of charge, and enjoy the displays.

There will be a number of free taster workshops, including mosaics, stitch-crafts, cardcraft, jewellery, dressmaking, crochet and digital photography.

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LETTERS EXTRA...Monarchy v Republic

'Presidents can be voted out!'

IN response to Mr Gerwyn Thomas' question, 'Who would be President?' (GEM letters, July 5) he, and so many others, miss the point completely by equating an elected head of state with a US or French-style presidency.

A republican Britain would have exactly the same system of government as we now have, with legislative and executive power resting in a parliament of elect-

ed MPs, led by a prime minister with his/her cabinet of secretaries of state.

The president would merely replace the monarch for mainly ceremonial purposes as head of state.

The advantage would be that we could then claim to be a true democracy, where any citizen can stand for election as head of state, instead of that office being permanently and inaccessibly carried in a single family by mere accident of birth.

And as the president would have no more legislative or executive

powers than the current monarch, it should give no cause for concern if Blair, Brown, Clegg, Cameron, Johnson or Livingstone, were to be elected the president.

Life would be no different than it is now, because we would not be 'under' them at all, and they can, unlike the monarch, be replaced at the polling booth if we don't like them.

And if Mr Thomas is so confident that a referendum would favour the monarchy, why maintain a 'dignified silence'?

Let's have the referendum and see whether he or Mr Leat is right!

As to what we would call ourselves: how about *United Nations of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*?

See? Simple really, just replace the 'kingdom' with 'nations', or something similarly descriptive!

Lastly, with reference to the remark about "stolid pro-republicans", judging by the language of recent correspondence on this issue it would appear that the stridency, as well as even hysteria, emanates from the pro-monarchists.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

'More rights as a European citizen?'

IN reply to Gerwyn Thomas (The GEM, July 5) I would like him to consider the following: France and Germany have elected heads of state and are far wealthier and have higher standards of living than Britain.

We are told the royal family brings money into this country. Well, how much, and what was your share?

We are told they attract tourists, but how many tourists meet the royal family? They come to look at buildings and landmarks.

The French royal palace is the most visited tourist attraction in Europe and we all know what France did to its monarchy and

aristocracy. The royal family and aristocracy own vast areas of land stolen from us in the past by their ancestors. They take a cut of anything produced on that land and charge the businesses on them rent, taking money from Britain and into their off-shore accounts.

The royal family own the aggregates, sand and stone. Every yard of cement or concrete laid or used, every brick in every building costs us more because of the royal duty imposed on them.

They even own land off-shore, and as a result the Crown Estate makes profits from wind farms. This means we have to pay more for the electricity generated, as the old and poor lose their cold weather payments.

Is that fair and just?

If we're talking about presidents, let's talk about Nelson

Mandela, Roosevelt and Mary Robinson, who did so much for their people. What has the Queen done for you or anyone else?

She never protected us from greedy bankers, lying members of Parliament, warmongering prime ministers, or child poverty.

There would be no National Health Service if it had been left to the royal family – wouldn't Nye Bevin have been a great president?

An elected president can be removed by the people, if deemed unworthy.

Not so an unelected, unaccountable monarch.

And a last thought – the letter writer has more rights and freedoms as a European citizen than as a British subject.

G J Nicholas, Barry.

'Profit from monarchy'

JUST in passing, many people criticise the cost of the monarchy, but there are two considerations following from this.

One is the cost of a president – unlikely to be small as a president

would surely be an ex-politician, and we know about their expense claims. The other is the income from the Crown Estates which, when taken into consideration, means that the taxpayers make a large profit from the monarchy.

R Bradshaw.

Not just cyclists...

IHAVE just read that cyclists will be fined for cycling on pavements – which is fair enough – but with the state of the roads and gutters, you cycle where you will get the smoothest ride.

Potholes, drain covers, parked cars, give a whole new meaning to the term 'bone shaker'.

However, can I start a list of individuals who should be fined?

• Selfish people who park on pavements, when there is a space at the back of the house. They block the way for pushchairs and wheelchairs;

• People who put rubbish out days too early, again blocking the pave-

ment. Dogs, rats and seagulls are all attracted to the mess;

• People who throw furniture, chairs, etc, into the garden, which are left there for months;

• People who don't keep their garden tidy by cutting grass, etc, and hedges fall onto pavements.

Everybody, in private or social housing, should be made to sign a contract to keep things tidy. It's a case of 'can't be bothered, it's somebody else's job'.

Will they all be fined? If not, why not?

Why can't the council give out penalty notices, or eviction notices in extreme cases?

(Name and address supplied).

What do bylaws mean?

LAST week's GEM published a notice on confirmation of bylaws stating the Vale Council's intent to apply to the Assembly for confirmation of bylaws relating to land at Cwm Col-huw.

The notice also gives a period of one calendar month, ending August 5, for submission of any objections to the proposed bylaws.

Although not readily apparent, the notice appears to be related to the council-owned meadow adjacent to the car park at Llantwit Major beach.

For the benefit of the

public, some of whom may wish to object to the new bylaw, can the Llantwit Major Town Council please advise (in lay-man terms) just what the content and impact of these proposed bylaws are?

On the subject of car parking charges, can the town council also advise if it is possible to get the local authority to 'devolve the decision making' on these parking charges to the town council.

I believe there is a Local Government Act that empowers the devolution of decision making from local authority to community council.

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RNLI celebrates achievements of the last year

PENARTH RNLI lifeboat crew recently gathered at Penarth Yacht Club to celebrate a number of awards that several members of the seagoing crew and shore team had earned over the past year.

First to receive their awards – RNLI thanks inscribed on vellum – were lifeboat helms Jason Dunlop and Aran Pitter. They were recognised for their “superb seamanship”, as they led a daring rescue in which they boarded a stricken yacht in force seven gales and sailed it safely to shore.

Also on this call-out and honoured for their bravery were Penarth lifeboat crew members Jen Payne and Karl Lawrence, who were awarded vellum service certificates.

Barry Dock lifeboat crew volunteers were also recognised for their part in the courageous rescue, with Martin

Bowmer receiving a letter of appreciation and Coxswain Hugh Davies and crew members Joshua Brown, Russ Carter, Marc Gibbons and Chris Osborn receiving a collective letter of appreciation.

The incident happened in May 2011, and in March this year, all those involved in the rescue received their awards.

However, this was the Penarth and Barry crew's first opportunity to get together with family and fellow lifeboat volunteers to celebrate the achievement, with the ‘thanks on vellum’ bravery award being presented only twice in Wales and the west of England in over 10 years.

Jason Dunlop (40), whose day job is as chief executive of Cardiff Student Union, praised his fellow RNLI colleagues who, like Jason, are all volunteers.

He said: “Whether seagoing crew or shore crew, we’re all committed volunteers. This is an award for the station.”

Receiving the RNLI Silver Statuette to recognise their long-term commitment to the volunteer shore crew and management team were Philip Lay, who, although no longer a part of the RNLI, carried out several roles with the Penarth team, including that of operations manager; and Penarth and Sully GP, Atua Rayani, who for the past 10 years has volunteered as the station’s medical advisor.

The awards were presented by RNLI Deputy Divisional Inspector, Matt Crofts, who said:

“Whether it’s fundraising locally, running the lifeboat shop, being part of the shore crew or

going out on the boats on the water, the family that is Penarth lifeboat do it exquisitely well.”

Penarth Lifeboat

Chair, Andy Petersen,

presented two of the stalwarts of Penarth station – James Lock and Gareth Wigmore – with a special award recognising more than 30 years commitment to the charity.

At the end of the evening, Gareth Wigmore announced his retirement from the lifeboat team after 32 years. He was presented with a retirement gift

and thanked on behalf of the station for his hard work and commitment as a founder crew member in 1980.

Gareth said: “I’ve enjoyed every moment of it – it’s been a way of life for me.”



ABOVE: Members of the Penarth lifeboat team in celebration mood.

Lifeguards at Southerndown

RNLI lifeguards have begun patrolling Southerndown beach, as the charity expands its lifesaving service in the Vale.

The lifeguards have been providing a safety service on Whitmore beach in Barry since Easter. This is the first year the RNLI has provided a life-guarding service in the Vale.

The lifeguards will also be working closely with local RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews.

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'Goalden Oldies' shine during their moment in the spotlight

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A GROUP of Vale and Bridgend footballers competed in ITV's reality TV show 'Let's Get Gold' in a bid to earn a cash prize for their club last Thursday (July 5).

Frank Lennon (62, from Barry), Dicky Batt (63, Barry), Trevor Taylor (56, Dinas Powys), Peter Morgan (58, Bridgend) and Mike Williams (60, Bridgend) were all part of the Welsh Veterans team who competed in London against sports teams from around the country in front of a panel of judges that included Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand and former England cricket star Andrew Flintoff.

The team performed some football training drills before taking pot shots at larger than life sculptures of Rio, Wayne Rooney and David Beckham to knock them off plinths. Then they unleashed their 'power move'—taking penalties at a goal in an attempt to hit five targets.



ABOVE: Barry's Dicky Batt (back row, second left) Peter Morgan (Bridgend, back row, fifth left) Frank Lennon (Barry, back row, third right), Mike Williams (Bridgend, front row, fourth left) and Trevor Taylor (Dinas Powys, front row, second right) were part of The Goalden Oldies, who took a trip to Wembley during their filming in London. Also in the picture are their coaches, Ronnie Rahman and Dave Murray, both from Sully.

They didn't progress to the final, but gave a very good account of how men can continue to play football into later life and, most importantly, showed the nation how much they were enjoying themselves in their moment in the spotlight.

Frank Lennon told The GEM: "It was tough. A real constraining factor was that there was 90 seconds of filming time on the night and we only got one take. There was no real time to weigh it up and aim at targets."

"Dennis Murphy hit Rio's head off, and Rio had a go after us and

missed by more than I did!"

"It was all good fun. My wife loved the show, she thought we were great, and the TV people were absolutely delighted with us."

John Herniman managed the team alongside coaches Ronnie Rahman and Dave Murray, both from Sully, and is heavily involved in the Welsh Veterans League in which his stars play. He hopes the show will encourage more players to continue in to later life.

He told The GEM: "This will hopefully show people that we do exist, and that there's an

opportunity to play 11-a-side football. The amount of people who pack it in at 35-40 is incredible, we show you can still play!"

"It was an opportunity for us, and it was important we showed people it can be done."

Former Barry Town player Dicky Batt, who turned 63 this week, added that the international experience the players gain is one reason for continuing, and that the competitiveness is still there.

The Welsh Veterans League runs competitions and international fixtures for all age groups over 40. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.vetwales.org.

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Family hope garden makeover can help charities like Ty hafan

WHEN Rachel and Rob Jones and their family from Crickhowell were referred to Ty Hafan, little did they know the part the family hospice for young lives would eventually play in the transformation of their garden!

Their seven-year-old daughter, Poppy, was born very prematurely and as a result suffers from cerebral palsy and chronic lung disease. She has many complex needs and requires round the clock supervision.

The family became aware of Ty Hafan in October 2011 and have since had a couple of stays at the hospice to help recharge their batteries and also to allow them to have quality time with Poppy's siblings, Alfie (nine), Charlie (12), Sam (16) and Isabel (18).

So when Rachel and Rob and their family of five were asked to temporarily vacate their home for a few days it provided something of a problem.

Little did they know that friends and family members had nominated them to have a garden



ABOVE: Alfie and Poppy enjoying themselves at Ty Hafan.

tors in to see their garden at a date to be decided.

Visitors will be asked for donations which will be shared amongst the family's chosen charities, which will include Ty Hafan.

For more information, visit: www.tyhafan.org.

Summer list

THE Vale Family Information Service has collated information on all activities for children and young people taking place in the Vale, including summer playschemes, holiday childcare schemes, disability teen schemes, activities in the libraries, events for the family and much more.

You can find full listings by visiting the Family Information Service pages of the Vale Glamorgan Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis.

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Ramblers pine for lost meadows of White Farm

MORE by luck than judgement, the rainfall which has been never ending stopped for one day and allowed nine walkers from the Penarth and District Ramblers to meet Joy on Colcot Road for the recent evening walk.

Making their way to the Buttrills Field, the group passed the controversial pathway that is being constructed as a cycle and footway to Barry Comprehensive School and further along ducked under the cones and tape to enter The Pastures.

An old metal gate led into fields where the extremely muddy and slippery paths caused a problem on their way to Merthyr Dyfan.

Campaigners for the

past 20 years or so have finally lost their fight against the proposed housing development near White Farm and when building gets under way these lovely meadows will be lost forever.

The group passed the stone church at Merthyr Dyfan, situated in a dingle, said to be built on a very old Christian site and dedicated to St Dyfan (later partnered with St Teilo).

The present church was built by the Normans in the 13th century, restored in the Victorian era and refurbished again in 1970 when the original altar stone was found in a nearby well and placed back inside.

Crossing Port Road, near where Stumpy Lodge once stood, a metal kissing gate led into a grassy meadow and they descended to cross a wooden foot-

bridge before climbing through more long grass and a further descent to the road opposite Goldsland Farm.

They journeyed by road to New Wallace Farm and just beyond, a very deep puddle by a gate on the track prevented them from going further, at least without wellies!

Access to the stile in the hedge was completely blocked by a fallen tree, so the route had to be altered, and retracing their steps they crossed a stile and, descending, made their way through a rather sparse field of wheat and an overgrown footbridge that led them across the Nant Brynhill stream.

Usually by this time of year grass has been cut for hay, but because of the incessant rainfall grass is still growing at an alarming rate.

The planned stroll was fast turning into an extensive workout as the group had to wade through two fields of thigh high grass, and just above Little Brynhill Farm made their way through a jungle of foliage to finally emerge onto the track leading to the Brynhill Golf Club.

With legs beginning to tire, the group

tramped uphill to re-cross Port Road and make their way back to Colcot Road after what had certainly been an adventure!

On July 14, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate/hard walk to Bryn Arw in the Black Mountains; contact Liz on 029 20513698.

On July 15, meet at 10am at Cogan for a seven-mile moderate/hard walk taking in Craig yr Allt and the Black Cock Inn; contact Pam on 029 20255102.

On July 17, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 12-mile moderate walk at Cheddar Gorge; contact William on 01446 747239.

On July 19, meet at 7pm at Penarth cliff top car park for a four mile easy walk on the coast and old railway line; contact Ann on 029 20407319.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20255102.

Joy Strangward

Roadworks report

ROADWORKS - A48, A4050, A4222, B4265, B4270 and B4267;

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Many local leisure centres put on special swimming sessions through the summer months.

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XD are members of the 'Popstars', academy of dance, who perform under the directorship of Jill and Nicholas Greene, and have appeared throughout the UK winning many awards.

'XD' are currently UDO Detonation Street Dance Champions 2012 and recently performed at the O2 arena in London.

The squad has 14 members, ranging in age from 15 to 20 years old, and took part in the World Dance Organisations competition at Cardiff Oceania

Arena on Sunday, July 8, securing 2nd place, with Chelsea Greedy and Jake Aston winning first place in the Duo competition.

Popstars dance academy have 10 Street Dance groups in south Wales and are based in Bridgend, Barry, Cardiff and Merthyr.

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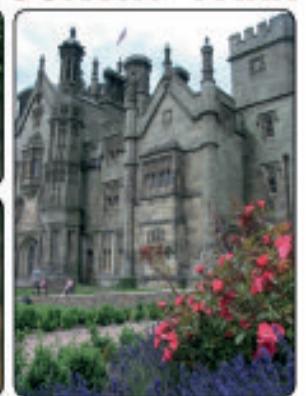
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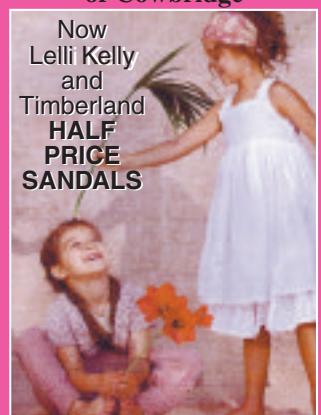
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Pencoed students set sights on stage career

STUDENTS Harry Prior and Sian Thomas from Pencoed Comprehensive, starred in a dance and music video – as part of a new award scheme run by The Lightning Hut youth drama and dance group.

Both took part in the video after completing the third award process for a new 'experience' with a professional.

Previous 'experiences' have included stage

combat workshops and film acting, but this time 30 young people created a new dance video and were filmed by a professional film crew.

Georgia Griffiths (16) took part in the filming as part of her work experience, and said: "I had such an amazing experience at the Lightning Hut this weekend! I am so happy to put on my CV I did my work experience working with a professional film company and working with truly awesome people!"

The Lightning Hut has had a very successful first year since setting up weekly drama, dance,

film and production classes at Pencoed Welfare Hall, and has more than 80 members from schools across the borough and beyond.

Jevan Cannon (16) points out: "The Lightning Hut is free, which is a definite plus, but also amazing is the fact that anyone can do it, not just those few enough to be 'privileged' enough to go. Everyone is treated fairly and given equal opportunity!"

"Every time you come to the Lightning Hut, you gain new skills – film acting, improvisation, direction improvement, how to write stage directions and how to devise your own dance routines."

Kay Smith, who runs the group, believes that The Lightning Hut is different in many ways, including the fact that there is an optional award scheme that prepares young people for the industry and real life.

She said: "I have run youth theatres before, which put on show after show, but this time the experience we offer is much more in line with what is happening in education at the moment, concentrating on key skills, as well as developing performance ability and knowledge."

Jevan is currently waiting for his GCSE results; but firmly believes that The Lightning Hut is making him far more confident and aware of his own ability in a multitude of disciplines.

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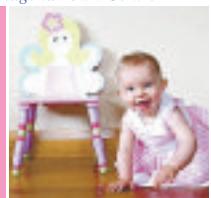
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Out and About with The GEM

Castleland advice

LABOUR councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell, hold an advice surgery this Saturday, (July 14) in the Drop-In Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry between 10.30am-12 noon. No appointment necessary. Contact Coul Elmore on 07867 506116, or 01446 450007.

Llantwit book sale

FOLLOWING their successful Llantwit Major fayre day, the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions will be in town this Saturday (July 14)

with one of their popular book sales from 10am-4pm in the precinct, Llantwit Major.

A spokesman said: "We are very grateful for the donation of these books, not only from Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, but from the surrounding villages as well."

"The quality of the books we receive is improving all of the time. However, we do ask the public to check if anything has been left between the pages of the books before donating them. We have found money and some very personal photographs in some of the books."

To donate good quality saleable books to the Lions, visit their website: www.lmandclions.org.uk, or call

08458 336763.

Model trains

ON July 14 from 11am-4pm at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry there will be a working demonstration of Hornby and related gauge 'O' tinplate railway items mostly pre-war and some over 80 years old.

The demonstration, led by Bernard Honeysett, in aid of All Saints' organ appeal, includes two running lines that will handle clockwork, 12 volt dc and 20 volts ac locomotives.

Other lines will show examples of rolling stock from prior to 1928 to post war including French Hornby and "Hogwarts" Express'. Admission: £1, payable on the door. Raffle and refreshments available.

Tea party

NICOLA'S Juice bar on Penarth Pier is holding a Blooming Great Tea Party on July 14. She will be setting up a cake stall next to her business on the pier, serving cakes and baked goods from 12pm onwards. All proceeds to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

Street sur-

gery

LABOUR councillors for the Gibbonsdown Ward, Barry, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Warwick Way/Cornwall Road area on Saturday, July 14 from 11am to 12 noon.

'Cream Tea' at Gileston Manor

THE Church of St Giles will be holding a cream tea on the lawn at Gileston Manor on Sunday, July 15 at 2pm.

Alan Bourne and the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band will be in attendance. On sale will be raffle tickets, bric-a-brac and cakes.

Tickets are £5 from Dilys on 01446 750327 or Lynette on 01446 751685.

The church will be open to visitors.

Housing panel

THE Vale housing panel AGM that was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 17 at Gwennog Court, Barry, has now been postponed until further notice.

Diabetes

THE Diabetes UK Vale Voluntary Group are meeting on July 17 in the board room at

Llandough Hospital, Penarth, starting at 7.30pm.

Ms Carol Stingl of the local health board will speak on the Expert Patient Programme. New members always welcome.

Ring 01446 746639

for more details.

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm, All Wales Coastal Path walk starting at Barry Island Tourist Office.

On Thursday, 19 July at 10.30am, common land walk.

Starting at Fox and Hounds Pub next to Mace Stores.

Advice surgeries

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Conservative

Regional AM Suzy Davies will be holding surgeries at the following time and places:

Friday, July 20, 2.30pm-3.30pm, Maesteg Library, North's Lane; 5pm-6pm, Porthcawl Town Council chamber, 24 Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl; 7pm-8pm, Brewery Field Club House, Tondu Road, Bridgend.

All welcome; no appointments necessary.

Help for Simon

A CAR wash will be held on Sunday, July 22 at Cowbridge fire station to help Simon Gooding raise funds towards his work with Operation Mobilization, starting in August when he will fly to Thailand to join the Logos Hope Ship.

The ship is the largest floating library in the world and brings education material, as well as community projects, and housing projects to developing countries.

There will be a cooked breakfast in Holy Cross Church, Tainton room, on Sunday, July 27 to raise money towards Simon's work.

Simon will be there to answer questions while visitors enjoy a cooked breakfast.

There is no fixed price for the breakfast (8.45am-10.15am).

Lafarge opens cement works for 100th anniversary

LAFARGE

CEMENT UK's

Aberthaw Works

team is inviting local people to a

public open day on

Saturday July 21 to

celebrate the company's centenary.

Gates open at 10am, and visitors will have the opportunity to meet employees and talk with them about their roles, as well as having a look around on a guided tour of the works and quarry.

Works manager James Kirkpatrick said: "We are very

keen to share our centenary celebrations with as many local people as possible.

"The Open Day will include tours of the works and quarry, an exhibition giving an interesting overview of the 100-year history of the site, and displays from other local companies and organisations.

"We will also offer visitors an opportunity to get close to some of our giant mobile machinery and we will be offering refreshments along the way. For the children, we plan to run a competition in connection with the tours.

"Visitors are requested to contact us in advance if they would like to take part in a works tour."

To book a tour, call 01446 752300 (choose option 1), or email: aberthaw@lafargecement.co.uk. Visitors are reminded to wear sensible clothing and flat sturdy shoes.

Garden open

WILCOT, Higher End, St Athan, CF62 4LW, will be open to the public next week.

A very special garden, with architectural features that lead you to meander around fishponds where waterfalls add interest to the habitat of the many fish.

Open: July 15 (11am-5pm), July 18 (5.30pm-8pm), admission £3. Visitors also welcome by appointment.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D730.

● £2,000: 802851.

● The rollover, which now stands at £2,500, was not won this week.

● £10: 7 8 3 0 8 4 , 872859, 283754, 166398, 247928, 601213, 351181, 595646, 483927, 484741, 358350, 513804, 909864, 427274, 483933, 523838, 346440, 288531, 460728, 411393.

● £5: 624883, 790398, 500381, 803505, 784643, 718510, 456354, 135362, 484437, 412081, 202767, 344035, 154416,

765095, 330430, 602405, 815610, 657356, 698072, 494688, 860907, 868214, 496379, 741017, 645025, 192617, 356801, 656744, 863186, 654851, 489551, 153641, 121378, 385963, 847565, 864962, 728258, 699366, 216936, 361045, 883905, 496991, 666323, 447405, 271337, 767763, 425419, 457065, 215085, 248544, 460538, 301024, 669356, 429322, 720564, 546011, 733619, 552444, 846141, 384557.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above. For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

COMMUNITY CALLED TO ENGAGE IN ARTS FESTIVAL

TWO Barry Arts Festival projects are set to promote community arts and crafts – and the celebrations have already begun.

Pat Temple-Murray of Canolfan Porthcerry Centre, and Gill Davies, a local quilting tutor, are co-ordinating a community wall-hanging which will be made up of about 40 textile pictures depicting Barry.

The squares of embroidery, beadwork and collage have been created by individuals and groups such as Barry Ladies Choir, Vale Plus and Tabernacle Chapel, and according to Pat Temple-Murray, they will be: "a stunning and unique commemoration of Barry and its creativity".

She said: "When we had this idea for a wall-hanging we had no idea whether it would take off or not, but it has. We think this is a good omen for the festival as a whole!"

When completed, the wall-hanging will be displayed in Windsor Road Church during the week of the festival, and will then be exhibited in

Barry Library.

Well-known Barry artist Becci Holmes has also designed a mural which will be painted and varnished by anyone who wants to come along to the 'Mural Day' in Windsor Road Church on Monday July 30.

Lots of other activi-

ties will be happening on that day, including local authors, craft and pottery displays. Refreshments will be available, and the week-long exhibitions by VOGA, PIPS and Barry Camera Club will be worth seeing. Entry to this event is free, and all

ages are encouraged to come and be part of the creation of the mural.

Tickets for other events are available from Gifted, Barry Eye Centre and JPL Sound,

and visit: www.porthceri.co.uk for details of the festival.

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Spider-Man reboot certainly is amazing!

TEN years ago, *Spiderman* was released, causing a box office frenzy and reaffirming the public's love for a costumed superhero.

Spanning two sequels (the second film being up there with *X-Men 2* and *The Dark Knight* as a quintessential superhero film), the series was going strongly, but Sony's decision to reboot the character meant that that version of old Spidey was no more.

Under the direction of Marc Webb, *The Amazing Spider-Man* (note the use of 'amazing' and the hyphen) swings into cinemas, starring Andrew Garfield as the titular character and his alter-ego Peter Parker. When Peter discovers a clue that may explain why his parents left him as a small child, it brings him into conflict with Dr Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans) who undergoes a change of his own, while the love of Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone) complicates things even more for the teenaged web-slinger...

In the ten years since SPIDERMAN mark I stormed cinemas, the super-hero genre has undergone something of a revolution; Chris Nolan has taken the genre into darker, more visceral territory with the Batman franchise, while Marvel Studios have turned the likes of *Iron Man* into cash cows that show no sign of drying up any time soon.

The arrival of *The Amazing Spider-Man*, in a summer in which Nolan's *Dark Knight* will rise, and *The Avengers* have blown away box-office records, has been something of a low-key one, with Marc Webb's cinematic revision in the shadows of other comic book characters.

However, the film itself is a huge success, marrying real-life sensibilities with comic-book spectacle to create a hugely entertaining film that sets up the franchise incredibly well.

The man behind the mask is a key ingredient to this, Andrew Garfield taking the character back to its comic-book incarnation, this version of Peter Parker 'coolly nerdy' yet with no small degree of confidence.

The British actor has shown he can deliver in serious fare, yet takes to the blockbuster lark

SCREEN TALK



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with ease, his charismatic and likeable turn making Parker feel real and genuine, carrying the film with no small degree of panache.

In the love interest role, the character of Gwen Stacy has always been more interesting than Mary-Jane, and casting an actress the calibre of Emma Stone just ramps that up even more.

Stone shares a wonderful chemistry with Garfield, equally as sassy and warm as Garfield's turn. The actress never feels like a damsel in distress and seems more than capable of holding her own.

Rhys Ifan's turn as Dr Connors is similarly well-judged, the character a good man driven to do bad things to fit his ideal of doing the right thing, and Ifans delivers a strong turn before the usual computer graphics take over in the second half of the film.

With sterling support from the likes of Dennis Leary, Martin Sheen and Sally Field, the film

certainly doesn't fall short on acting quality, with the script giving the cast some pleasing heavy lifting to do in between the set-pieces.

While the story does suffer from a few glitches, the plot feeling a little too familiar and over-cooked in places, its emphasis on the characters does pay dividends, in particular with Peter Parker and Gwen Stacy; the relationships are well-conceived and delivered.

Director Marc Webb, whose background as a music video director should make him a visually flashy hack, showed with the cute and painfully real *500 Days Of Summer* he is more than capable of marshalling a story, and he delivers a solid, good-looking film that doesn't quite reach epic scales, but delivers the goods.

Neat tricks like a first-person camera as Spider-Man flies between buildings make full use of the 3D, while the film achieves a realistic comic book style without being too quirky, the film looking good but lacking any real standout moments.

As the first baby steps in a new franchise, *The Amazing Spider-Man* is a very good outing, holding its own in a summer full of superheroes; where it goes from here (as evidenced by an intriguing mid-credits scene) will be most interesting.

VERDICT: Doing exactly what it says on the tin, *The Amazing Spider-Man* just about lives up to its name. Winning performances from Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone help carry the film, while Marc Webb gives the film a pleasing visual sheen. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Avengers* (2012), *Spiderman* (2002).

Dogs Trust opens longer and later this summer

FOR the next three months, Dogs Trust Bridgend will be keeping its doors open longer than ever before with the introduction of late-night openings every Wednesday from 12 noon-7.30pm.

Starting immediately, the centre will remain open until 7.30pm in an effort to entice more dog-lovers to come and visit the current residents.

Dogs Trust hopes the extended hours will give those dogs who are more lively in the evening a chance to shine as not all dogs are at their best during the day.

Trials piloted in two rehoming centres have seen approximately an extra

dog a week rehomed over a six-month period, which means the scheme could see an extra 500 dogs rehomed throughout the year.

Centre manager Beverley Price said: "We have dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes here and they're all searching for their new homes.

"We're hoping that these extended opening hours will mean that more people consider paying us a visit after work and, ultimately, more dogs will find their happy endings with their new families."

To find out more, call 01656 725 219, or visit the centre at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

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Back to Butlins for nostalgic reunion



Former Redcoats pose in the old way at Barry Island Conservatory Club.
(PICTURE BY ROGER WILLIAMS)

CADSTOCK TO ROCK AT VICTORIA PARK

VICTORIA PARK, Cadoxton, Barry will be rocking over the weekend of July 21-22 when eight bands take to the stage for Cadstock 2012.

Old friendships were renewed and new ones were made. Plans are already under way for next year's reunion, so keep an eye on Facebook and join us next time for a great weekend!

Cheque for charity

Norma Reynolds, the immediate past president of Soroptimist International Barry and District, following the Isle of Wight 'JP Morgan Around the Island Race', presented a cheque for £2,000 to her charity, Toe in the Water.

Norma, from Sully, her husband, son and daughter, are actively committed to this charity which uses competitive sailing to help rehabilitate and inspire profoundly and traumatically injured servicemen and women.

Please go to: www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district-for-further-information.

On Saturday, Freeway launches the festival, followed by Blues Central and Them Dead Beats. Headlining are special guests from London, King Paul and the Zeronoughts.

Sunday kicks off with Paul R Duggan and the Band of Bubbas, who are followed by The Little Welsh Blues Band, The Anderson Connection (featuring The GEM's very own Gareth Jamieson!) and The Underdogs.

JPL Sound, Barry, will provide the sound.

For further information please contact: Jonathan Greatrex, Victoria Park Manager, on: tel 07809 551 465.

Tenovus crafts fayre in Penarth

TIDAL Dream Creations will host another Truly Handmade summer fayre on Sunday, August 5, 11am to 3pm, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, in aid of Tenovus cancer charity.

There will be a large array of local craftspeople, providing bespoke services from doll making to cupcake baking, handmade jewellery, sculptures, and artists all under one roof.

There will also be a raffle drawn at 2pm in aid of Tenovus, where the winner will win half of the prize money!

Proceeds from the drinks in the cafe will be donated to Tenovus - admission and parking free.



PICTURED: Top local band The Anderson Connection will perform at Victoria Park's Cadstock.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Restaurant's birthday treat for loyal customers



ABOVE: Wing and Neng Chan of River View Restaurant celebrated five years of successful trading by holding a party and charity raffle with proceeds going to the Wooden Spoon and Cancer Research charities.

River View Chinese Restaurant in Cowbridge is celebrating five years of successful trading and recently marked the occasion with a party for 60 of its most loyal customers, treating them to a lavish freshly-prepared Chinese meal.

There was also a charity raffle at the party, on Sunday, July 1, which raised over £500 for the Wooden Spoon and Cancer Research charities.

Hosts and owners Wing and Neng said: "We wanted to say thank you to some of the people that have supported our restaurant and also raise some money for charity. It was a fabulous day."

A wine tasting was organised by Charles Reardon-Smith of the Oxford Wine Company, who gave detailed instructions of how to appreciate and taste a good selection of both

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If you have a property available to let, you can call CanDo Lettings on 029 20434434.





Local company's BBQ advice

A LOCAL company is warning campers to be careful, after barbecues were linked to several campsite deaths caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

UK GAS is reminding people to only use barbecues, portable heaters, gas lights and gas stoves outside –

where there is an adequate supply of fresh air.

A company spokesman said: "Gas Safe Register has produced leaflets, posters and web banners for the campaign, so please get in touch if you can help distribute these vital messages." For more information, visit www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk/bbq



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Greenfingered pupils sell their home-grown fruit and veg to store's customers!

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from Y Bont Faen Primary School, Cowbridge and Palmerston Primary School, Barry, will be selling their fruit and vegetables at the store, as part of a school produce sale organised by the School Food

Matters charity. The project was successfully piloted in 2010 by two London schools who sold produce at their local Waitrose branch. This is the first year that Welsh schools have become involved.

The managing director of Waitrose, Mark Price, said: "We are delighted to give even more students the chance to run a business for the first time, however small the scale – and it's fantastic that the money they raise goes directly back into their school projects."

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

Mr Byron Lewis - 1, 2 and 3 Subway Road, Barry - Demolition of tree storey property and adjacent two storey building.

Mr David Louther - Ty Isha Farm, Welsh St Donats - Conversion of flat and extension to form 'granny' accommodation ancillary to main farm-house.

Mr Nigel Ayres - 18 Caynham Avenue, Penarth - Proposed two storey side extension. Proposed single storey rear extension housing new kitchen. Internal alterations.

Mr and Mrs O'Sullivan - 98 Fontygary Road, Rhoose - Erection of single storey dwelling.

Mrs Anne Birkshaw - 24 Greenacres, Barry - Proposed new dwelling

Mr Steve Lane - 6 Maillards Haven,

Retention of existing (pre-

viously permitted) ancillary outbuilding.

Mr Matthew Kingston -

Plymouth House, East,

Dimlands Road, Llantwit

Major - To remove

remains of infilling wall and replace with gates to make way for a parking space.

Mr Neville White - Pen y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre, The River

Mouth, Ogmore by Sea -

Demolition of existing Pen

y Bont Surf Life Savers

Centre and replacement

with a new Surf Life

Savers Centre at Ogmore

by Sea.

Mr Evan Williams - Field

adjacent at North of

Aberogwn Farm Racing

Yard, Llancarfan -

Erection of horse arena.

Mr D Edwards - Hafod

Lodge, Hensol -

Retention of existing (pre-

viously permitted) two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.

Mr Norman England -

Garage near The Barn,

Stalling Down,

Cowbridge - Conversion

of store (former residential

double garage) to holiday

let.

Mr and Mrs Quinn - 13

Ham Lane South,

Llantwit Major -

Proposed alteration and

extensions to existing

house.

Madeleine John - 2

Fairfield Close, Llantwit

Major - Conversion of a

loft to habitable rooms and

extension with dormers to

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Mr Nathan Mullett – **Unit 14, Heritage Business Park, Wick Road, Llantwit Major** – Change of use from B8 to D2.

Mr Robert Harry – **Land at Wenvoe E311976, N173861** – Erection of stable building and creation of new vehicular access.

Mr Jonathan Drake – **4 Sir Ivor Place, Dinas Powys** – Erect enclosure within boundary to a height of 2m to extend rear garden.

Mr John Buxton – **The Railway Shed, Plymouth Road, Barry Island** – Construction of a car park to support tourist railway and museum.

Century Investments Ltd – **Holiday Inn Express, Port Road, Rhoose** – Retention of car park extensions and covered patio.

Mr Leonard Richards – **4 Great House Meadows, Llantwit Major** – Detached new house in the garden of the existing dwelling. Miss Tazmin Proctor – **Yr Rhosyn, Highlight Lane, Barry** – proposed first floor extension and two storey extension to side of house to replace existing conservatory.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Evenlode Primary School, Evenlode Avenue, Penarth** – Installation of a radio antenna on a 15m high pole.

Mrs Jani Bosma – **128 Fontygary Road, Rhoose, Barry** – New 'Gambrel' roof over existing bungalow providing master bedroom with en-suite and walk in wardrobe, second bedroom and family bathroom.

James Frazer-Mann – **28 Bryn y Glyn, Rhoose** – To brick up one of the garage doors, and replace with brick and window to match the opposite side of the house. The second garage door to remain.

Mr Stephen Rees – **16 Meadow Vale, Barry** – Erection of two storey side extensions and single storey rear extension.

Mr Andrew Hurst – **Fairways, Wenvoe** – Reductions to 5 no. beech trees.

c/o Whitmore and Humphreys – **Museum of Welsh Life, St Fagans** – use of land for overflow car park.

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S A Brains and Company Limited – Car park to the rear of the Seaview Labour Club, on the corner of Jewel Street and George Street, Barry – Redevelopment of Seaview Labour Club car park to eight one and

two bed flats with associated car parking area and amenity space.

Everything Everywhere Limited – **Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major** – One new equipment cabinet with meter pillar, next to the existing cabinets and extending brick retaining wall.

Mr Colquhoun – **6 Heol y Mynydd, Welsh St Donats** – Ground rear extension and front dormer extension.

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Fitz Project Management – **49 Kenilworth Road, Barry** – Conversion of three storey Victorian HMO into four self-contained flats.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Court Road Depot, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Road, Barry** – Single-storey modular/demountable building at Court Road Depot to replace existing facilities for Waste

Management staff on the premises.

Vale of Glamorgan Council, Ms Jane Wade

– **Barry Call Centre, Greenwood Street,**

Barry – Screening to additional roof ventilation plant to works as per planning application 2011/00704/RG3.

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'ZEPPELIN' WAS A BLIMP!



DID anyone else notice the Good-year Blimp flying over Barry on Monday morning? At first, I thought it was a Zeppelin! It looked so graceful, it must be some experience up in one of those.

ALEX CAMPBELL, Barry.

FoE air their frustrations

BARRY and Vale Friends of the Earth had a positive meeting with Coun Rob Curtis, a Vale cabinet member of the newly-elected Local Authority.

Agreement was reached about many local environmental concerns, with quarterly meetings to review environmental matters arranged.

Members noted the 'guerilla' gardening of the Vale Council, in planting wildflowers on many roundabouts, thus promoting biodiversity, and agreed with Coun Curtis that more areas need to be left to 'go wild'.

Recycling initiatives are more positive, with incentives needed, to encourage people to recycle more and avoid the incinerators.

Barry and Vale FoE are disappointed that the recently announced 'All-Wales' coastal path is barely in existence from Cardiff to Rhosneigr, while cycle paths are continually ignored as a relatively cheap priority.

Barry and Vale FoE

are equally disappointed at the results of the public inquiries on White Farm and 'fracking' at Llandow, where evidence was submitted.

These planning applications usually end up with a David and Goliath situation: David sometimes wins, as we all know, so opposition to profit before planet must continue.

As Gareth Clubb of FoE Cymru said on TV last week: "Fracking takes us back into the Dark Ages, not the future our 'greenest ever' Government promised, just more CO₂ and global warming."

As to White Farm, Barry and Vale FoE agree with the concerns over flooding, expressed by Ian Johnson, in your letters columns. Given the Barry monsoon of 2007; the floods in Aberystwyth last week and the various worldwide flooding events this weekend, covering a green lung in the middle of Barry, with more concrete and tarmac, does not seem to be a good idea.

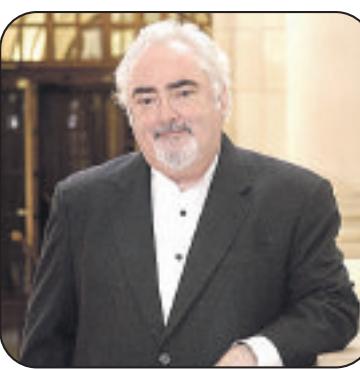
KEITH STOCKDALE

Barry and Vale FoE

Gwaith Karl Jenkins, sydd yn enedigol o'r Gwyr, ei enw yn wreiddiol ym myd jazz. Ei gyfansoddiad Adiemus fodd bynag ddaeth ag ef i amlygrwydd fyd enwog.

Cyflwm Adiemus y clasurol gyda synau lleisiau ethnig ac offer taro ac fe gyrraeddodd y brig yn siartiau clasurol a pop ar draws y byd. Ymysg ei gyfansoddiadau mae Requiem, Stabat Mater a Dewi Sant.

Mae o hefyd wedi cydweithio gyda rhai o gantoriaw mawr y byd gan gynnwys Bryn Terfel, Hayley Westenra a Kiri Te Kanawa. Karl Jenkins yw'r cyfansodwr byw a berfformir mwyaf yn y byd, mae ei



Dennis O'Neill who will perform at the concert.

'Dwi'n edrych ymlaen iawn fawr i berfformio yn y Eisteddfod' medai.

'Roedd Karl Jenkins a finnau yn yr Ysgol efo'n gilydd ac yn aelodau' o'r un gerddorfa.

'Fel y gellir disgwyll gan Karl mae Beirdd Cymru gan Edward I am wrthod canu clod iddo mewn gwledd yng Nghastell Trefaldwyn yn 1277.

Pan yngoddodd

Hwgari fel gwlad

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addysg y wlad a hyd

heddlu mae'r darn yn

cael ei astudio gan

blant ysgolion y wlad.

Mae'n wir i ddiwedd bod

y darn mor reddol i

bobol Hwgari gall

unrhwyd oedolyn neu

blentyn o'r wlad ei

adrodd o'r cof.

Mae Jenkins wedi

goso i ystum yn

Gymraeg, Hwgareg a

Saesneg gyda'r bwrriad

i'r gwaith gael ei phef-

formio mewn unrhyw un

o'r tair iaith newy gys-

od a'r 3. Fe fydd y pre-

mier Prydein yn cyn-

wys y fersiwn Gymraeg

o'r gwaith sydd wedi ei

gyfeithi gan y Prifard

Twm Morys.

Yn perfomio ar y

noson bydd y tenor

adnabyddus, Dennis

O'Neill. Cawsom gyfe i

sgwrsio gyda i'w ddi-

weddau wrth iddo bar-

toi ar gyfer y gyngerd-

ed.

Arafa Don heb

amheuaeth yw'r gân

Gymraeg mwyaf poblo-

Chance to star at Eisteddfod!

THE Vale Council is offering aspiring artists a chance to work and perform with two leading performance artists at this year's National Eisteddfod, as part of a revival of the iconic Barry summer school.

Phil Babot and Cathy Gordon will be hosting a five-day performance art workshop at Palmerston Community Centre from July 30 to August 3 (10am to 5pm) for adults of all skill levels.

The participants will attempt to recreate the artistic performances

known as 'happenings' at Barry summer school during the 1960s and 1970s, culminating in group performances at the Art Central gallery in Barry Town Hall, King Square, on August 4, and at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow on August 5.

A retrospective exhibition will be held at the Art Central gallery in Barry Town Hall from July 23 to September 8.

Vale arts development officer Tracey Harding said:

"We hope to create an exhibition showing original artwork together with stories and memories of the Barry summer school."

Karl Jenkins himself conducted the work.

Karl Jenkins is the UK's most popular contemporary composer, and one of Wales' most versatile and critically-acclaimed musicians. He is credited as being the most performed living composer in the world, his composition 'The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace' alone has been performed nearly 1,000 times in 20 different countries since the CD was released while his recorded output has resulted in seventeen gold and platinum disc awards.

His latest work 'The Bards of Wales' was premiered in Hungary in June 2011. The piece forges an unexpected link between Hungary and Wales.

The Hungarian poet János Arany (1817-82) was asked to write a poem in praise of the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph but, as the Austrian overlords had just suppressed the 1848 Hungarian Revolution, the poet did the opposite.

To satisfy the state censor, the poem was written in terms of Welsh history, rather than Hungarian, telling how Edward I of England executed Welsh bards for failing to sing his praises at a banquet in Montgomery Castle in 1277.

When Hungary emerged from World War I as an independent state, The Bards of Wales found its place in the national education system and is learnt by heart by children at the age of 13 or 14. In Hungary it is a poem so ingrained into the cultural psyche that adults and children can recite it on demand.

Jenkins has set the text in Hungarian, Welsh and English, and it is

IN BRIEF Strawberry afternoon

THE popular strawberry afternoon organised by Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern will be held on Tuesday, July 17, in the Lee Hall, Britwyl Road, Dinas Powys at 2pm; refreshments by the local WI, and entertainment.

Double date

LOCAL musician Hank Hillman will be performing at the Hole in the Wall on Friday, July 27, along with Kenny, Bob and Mike. Entrance £4, starts at 8.30pm.

Hank will also performing at the Art4U Friendship Tree Acoustic Festival on July 26 at the Jubilee Hall, 8pm.

PACT meetings

CRAIG PENLLYN coffee and chat meeting, July 18 at the Red Fox public house at 11am. COURT PACT, Barry, July 25 at Ilminster Scout Hall at 7pm. SULLY PACT, July 26 at the Jubilee Hall, 8pm.

intended that the work

can be sung throughout in a single language or a combination. The British premiere of the work at the Eisteddfod will feature the Welsh language version of the work by poet Twm Morys.

Performing on the night will be the renowned tenor, Dennis Jenkins and we caught up with him as he prepares for his appearance at the Eisteddfod.

"I am looking forward to appearing at the Eisteddfod," he said. "Karl Jenkins and I were schoolboys together at Gowerton Grammar School and played in the orchestra together.

"As you would expect from Karl, the Bards of Wales is an original and exciting score. It's interesting too that the Hungarian text is apparently known to every schoolchild in that country, making an amazing link with Wales."

Dennis also has fond memories at performing at the last Eisteddfod to be held in the Vale, when the Eisteddfod visited Barry in 1968. He competed, and was successful, in the 18-25 age group tenor competition.

"Winning this competition ended my competitive stage and began my ambition to become a professional singer."

Although the highlight of the concert will be the British premiere of the Bards of Wales, the first half will feature

popular classics carefully chosen by the choir and soloists.

Dennis explained: "For the first half of the concert I have decided to stick to the pieces that I have sung for many years and represent the most popular aspect of my work – 'Arafa Don' is definitely the most popular Welsh song for tenor and 'Nessun Dorma' is the most popular aria for an Italianate tenor. I have chosen the repertoire that has taken me around the world".

It's been a busy year for the singer, with most of it taken with establishing the Wales International Academy of Voice with the University of Wales of which he is Director, and immediately after the Eisteddfod, he will leave for masterclasses and recitals in Australia and New Zealand.

Before that, however, he will once again take to the stage in the 2,000 seater Eisteddfod pavilion. Tickets are currently for sale and priced at £19-£28 from the Eisteddfod ticket office: 0845 40 90 400 or www.eisteddfod.org.uk.

Welsh phrase of the week / Ynadrodd yr wythnos:

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Scam victim is refunded cheque

The GEM last week told how Lorna Sanders fell victim to a telephone scam, when a company rang up and said that her laptop was infected and they would clean it for her in return for payment.

Ms Sanders has

I feel sorry for victim
I FEEL sorry for Lorna Sanders (The GEM, July 5), they almost caught me out as well.

Let this be a warning to ALL readers, do NOT give out your bank details to ANYONE online, no matter HOW convincing they sound. They will rob you blind.

Alex Campbell, Barry

Transplant appeal
A s a Cowbridge resident with a three-month-old son requiring a liver transplant, I would like to draw your readers' attention to the fact that National Transplant week runs until July 15. I recognise that this is an extremely emotive issue, but if readers would like more information please visit: www.organdonation.nhs.uk, potentially saving and enhancing up to nine lives following a personal tragedy. (Name and address supplied)

Whip-crack-away as Adam keeps the law guessing...



Adam Winrich had police scrambling to Barry Island after reports of gunfire. **Barnabas Gamble and Russell Wells from Pick 'N' Mix Circus .**

POLICE responding to reports of gunfire on Barry Island, found it was Adam Winrich, – seven-times Guinness World Record holder in whip cracking!

He was practising a routine before appearing at the SWALEC Stadium for Fathers Day and the 2012 Sports Whip Cracking Convention, organised by local performers, Peter Gamble and Russell Wells from Pick 'N' Mix Circus .

Adam was on a visit with his friend Peter, whom he had first met when Peter won an international whip cracking championship in America.

"We have become firm friends; he has such amazing skills that I got him a gig performing at Glastonbury Festival last year, and although the Festival is not on this year, due to the Olympics, he couldn't keep away from Wales, which he fell in love with the first time he came," Peter explained.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE AT YSGOL SANT CURIG!

YSGOL SANT CURIG held its summer fete last week when the children enjoyed lots of activities.

A spokesperson for the PTA said: "The day was a massive success which the children and the parents enjoyed.

"A total of £900 was raised for the school."



Rise and rise of Sully U3A



MORE than 1,500 pupils from 179 schools took part in the AEGON South Wales Primary Schools Tennis Championship, with winners coming from across the region.

Simon Clarke, south Wales tennis development manager at Tennis Wales, said: "This competition always generates a lot of interest, and it was great to see so many youngsters taking part."

In all, 1,556 took part in 413 teams, with 15 of the 17 local authorities running local qualifying events.

The top teams came together at the finals at David Lloyd Cardiff.

The winners were:

- Year-3: girls – **Evenlode** (Vale of Glamorgan); year-3 boys – **Evenlode** (Vale of Glamorgan); mixed – **Deri** (Monmouthshire).

- Year-4/5: girls – **St Michaels** (Llanelli); boys – **Newton** (Swansea); mixed – **Sully** (Vale of Glamorgan).

- Year-6: girls – **Rhydypenau** Primary (Cardiff); boys – **Llansannor** (Vale of Glamorgan).

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4270 LLANTWIT MAJOR ROAD AND UNNAMED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ROADS, LLANDOW) ONE WAY, NO RIGHT TURN, ROAD CLOSURE AND 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle, with the exception of Coaches, Buses and Authorised Event Vehicles, to travel in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The road which extends in a southwesterly direction from the junction at grid 295993 171746 to the entrance to the camping/caravan park at grid 295993 171379.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in a south easterly direction in the location specified in Schedule 4.

SCHEDULE 4

Location Along the un-named road, that runs from the junction with the B4270 Llantwit Major Road at grid 296308 171472 to its junction at 295616 172147.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

SCHEDULE 5

3. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in schedule 6.

SCHEDULE 6

Location The right turn from the B4270 Llantwit Major Road into the access into Llandow Airfield at grid 296287 172030.

From the B4270 – Llantwit Major Road into the un-named road at grid 296381 171115.

From the B4270 – Llantwit Major Road into the industrial estate at grid 296308 171472.

Alt Route Diversions for all three No Right Turn Orders shall be along the B4267 Llantwit Major Road to the roundabout at the junction of the B4265 Llantwit Major By-pass then U Turning back along the road and turning left as required.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

SCHEDULE 7

4. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30mph in the location specified in schedule 8.

SCHEDULE 8

Location The B4270 Llanwit Major Road, between the B4265 Llantwit Major bypass in a generally northerly direction to its junction at Nash Corner at grid 296162 173211.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

Dated this 12th day of July 2012

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing,
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1. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur, ac eithrio Coets, Bws neu un o Gerbydau Awdurdodedig yr y_l, yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod

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Lleoliad Y ffordd sy'n arwain i gyfeiriad y de orllewin o'r gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 295993 171746 wrth y fyned y i'r mae gwersylla/caraflannau ar gyfeirnod grid 295593 171379.

Reason Cyfnod Diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

ATODLEN 3

2. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 4 isod

ATODLEN 4

Lleoliad Ar hyd y ffordd ddienw sy'n rhedeg o'r gyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) ar gyfeirnod grid 296308 171742 i'r gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 295616 172147.

Rheswm Cyfnod Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod. O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012

ATODLEN 5

3. Ni fydd unrhyw yrrwr yn troi i'r dde nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw yrrwr arall droi i'r dde yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 6 isod

ATODLEN 6

Lleoliad Y troad i'r dde oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r ffordd sy'n arwain i Faes Awyr Lland_ ar gyfeirnod grid 296287 172030.

Y troad oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r ffordd ddienw ar gyfeirnod grid 296381 171115
Y troad oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r stاد ddiwyaiddol ar gyfeirnod grid 296308 171472.

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ATODLEN 7

4. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur yn gyflymarch na 30 milltir yr awr yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 8 isod

ATODLEN 8

Location Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) rhwng ffordd osgoi Llanilltud Fawr (B4265) a'r gyffordd â Nash Corner ar gyfeirnod grid 296162 173211 gan dei thio'r fras i gyfeiriad y gogledd.

Rheswm Cyfnod Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod. O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

Dyddiedig 12 Gorffennaf 2012

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Family Notices

STARR
Gail

Suddenly at home on 29th June 2012, aged 52. Gail will be sadly missed by her children Richard, Nadine, Kirby and all her grandchildren. Resting at A G Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service in the chapel on Tuesday, 17th July at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research c/o A G Adams Funeral Home.

ROBERTS
Doreen

Peacefully at Brocastle Manor Care Home on 6th July, Doreen of Llantwit Major.

Wife of the late Alan and sister to the late Ken, sister-in-law of Rita, and a much loved aunt of Rod, Sian, and great aunt of Samantha, Emily and Josh. Funeral service on Wednesday 18th July 2012 at 11am in Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers. Donation enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major 01446 792489

MAYOR
Nigel David Younger

Peacefully at Countess Mountbatten Hospice, Southampton on 8th July, 2012

Dearly beloved son of Keith and Myra, husband to Jane and brother to Lucy. Very much cherished by his family and friends and always a Welsh boy at heart. Private cremation followed by a celebration of Nigel's life at Romsey Abbey on Thursday 19th July 2012 at 3pm.

No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Countess Mountbatten Hospice Charity.

POWNER
Andrew (Bunter)

Peacefully on 7th July 2012.

Loving nephew of June and Fred. Cousin to Annetta, Melanie and Claire. Resting now in a better place. Will be greatly missed but never forgotten by all who knew him.

LEWIS
Daniel

Peacefully on 6th July 2012.

Daniel of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved brother of Dorothy, Gilbert, Maureen, George, Terry and Thelma. Funeral service on Monday 16th July 2012 in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major at 12 noon followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Enquiries to W.A.Brown & Son. Tel.01446 792489.

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Antonia Julia

Suddenly but peacefully on 3 July at Bellavista Nursing home, Barry, Antonia Julia, aged 98 years, previously of Tynewydd Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Melville. A loved mother of Peter, Michael and mother-in-law of Lyn and Pippa.

Cherished grandmother and great grandmother. Antonia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at A G Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Monday 16th July. Service at Coychurch Crematorium where family and friends please meet at 11am. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Croft Kennels, Coity.



Jan Irving

Hope you have a
lovely birthday on
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Public Notice

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO
MODIFY PUBLIC PATH
ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

(Public Bridleway No 32 Welsh St. Donatis)

Public Path Diversion Order 2011

Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 2 (3) of Schedule 6 to the Act that the Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers to determine the Order, proposes to modify the Order as follows:

- (a) Replacing "1 foot" in the 'Width' column of Part 1 of the Schedule to the order with "6-6 feet (part)"; and,
- (b) Replacing "2 metres" in the 'Width' column of Part 2 of the Schedule to the order with "3 metres".

A copy of the Order, as submitted and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modifications together with the Inspector's letter dated 26 March 2012 have been deposited at the Vale of Glamorgan Council offices, Dock Office, Barry Dock, Barry and may be inspected free of charge during normal working hours.

Any representation or objection with respect to the proposed modifications may be sent in writing to the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NG, quoting reference number 515513 not later than 28 days from the publication of this notice and should state the grounds on which it is made, and indicate whether you wish to have the opportunity of being heard by a person appointed by the Welsh Ministers at a further public inquiry. It should be noted that any such representation or objection may be made available for viewing by interested parties at the Council Offices on request.

NOTICE POSTED ON 12TH JULY 2012

Helen May
Authorised by the Welsh Ministers

 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
HYSBYSIAD O GYNIGIG I
ADDASU GORCHYMYN LLWYB'R
CYHOEDDUS

DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980

(Public Bridleway No 32 Welsh St. Donatis)

Public Path Diversion Order 2011

Hybysair ddyw hyn yn unol i phrascnaff 2 (3) Atodol 6 o Ddeddf bod yr Arolygydd a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru i ddilysu ar y Gorchymyn ym mis yngnidol o'r Gorchymyn fel a ganlyn:

- (a) Tymu "1 droedfedd" yn y galon "Lied" yn Rhan 1 Atodol y gorchymyn a rhoi ym mis yngnidol "6-6 droedfedd (rhan)"; a,
- (b) Thymu "2 fet" yn y galon "Lied" yn Rhan 2 Atodol y gorchymyn a rhoi ym mis yngnidol "3 metr".

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn, fel y'i cyflwynodd a chopi o'r Gorchymyn yn ddiogel yr addasau a gynrig yr yngyd a'i thith ym 28 Mawrth 2012, wedi eu henebysu yn swyddfaidd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Ddol, Dockau'r Barri, Y Barri a gallu eu harchwilio yn holl ym ystod yr orsas gwblach ardal.

Gall anfon unrhyw sylw neu wrthwymebod mewn pentynas llîr addasau a gynrig yr yngyd a'r Arolygydd Cymru, Adiliadau'r Goron, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NG, yn dilynnyd cyflwyniad 515513 heb fod yn hweyniad mae 28 diwrnod o gyhoeddwr i hysbysiad hwn a dylid ddatgan ar ba dr y gwrth, a nodi a physgota'n gari a cyfeil i goel gwrandwriad gan unigolyn a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru mewn ymchwil cyhoeddus a phrifol. Dylid nodi y gall unrhyw sylw neu wrthwymebod o'r fet fod ar gael i bartion sydd a buddiann gael eu gweld yn swyddfaidd y Cyngor ar gais.

POSTWYD YR HYSBYSIAD AR 12 GORFFENAF 2012

Helen May
Awdurdodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
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AMDDIFFYN Y CYHOEDDUS A THA
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PARTNERIAETH SIFIL 2004

Take notice that the above department has received the following application under the above Act from Miss Elizabeth Gaynor Davies, of Rosebed Farm, Beach Road, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 1PZ to be a premise approved as a venue for Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies.

This application and associated plans are available for public inspection between 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry CF61 4RU.

Any person wishing to object to the grant of this approval should write to the above address giving reasons for their objection within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12th July 2012

Peter H Evans
Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services

Hybysair ddyw hyn fod yr arwr a enir uchod wedi derbyn y casl cysylltwyd o dan y Ddeddf oedd gan Miss Elizabeth Gaynor Davies ar y gorff Ffwrdd Rosebed Plofud y Trefn, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 1PZ i fod yn safle cymeradwyr ar y gorff cyntaf Seremoniau Priodas a Phartneriaeth Sifil.

Gall anelodau'r cyhoedd ymddyn a wrthwymebod mewn pentynas llîr addasau a gynrig yr yngyd a'r Arolygydd Cymru, Adiliadau'r Goron, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NG, yn dilynnyd cyflwyniad 515513 heb fod yn hweyniad mae 28 diwrnod o gyhoeddwr i hysbysiad hwn a dylid ddatgan ar ba dr y gwrth, a nodi a physgota'n gari a cyfeil i goel gwrandwriad gan unigolyn a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru mewn ymchwil cyhoeddus a phrifol.

Os ydys chi'n dynuno gwthwymodol y casl hwn, dylid anfon unrhyw sylw neu wrthwymebod ymddyngol i'r cyhoedd uchod cyn pan 21 diwrnod ar ôl cyhoeddwr i hysbysiad hwn.

Dyddiad: 12 Gorffennaf 2012

Peter H Evans
Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol,
Amddiffyn a Cyhoeddus a Tha

Centurions survive the weather – and are then crowned 20/20 champions

With the rain decimating the fixture list Sully Centurions' First XI travelled to Ammanford for the only fixture to survive the weather.

The hosts had done a good job in ensuring all was ready and the sun actually came out to cheer everyone up!

Batting first Centurions lost Mike O'Shea for just 3 but Ryan Sylvester (23) and Charlie Lowen, who went on to hit a very good half century, put on fifty for the second wicket to put Sully in a good position. However, a middle order collapse saw Centurions on 118 for 7 before Richard Ready (23) and Daniel Rowe (39 not out) brought some respectability to the score and Centurions finished on 178 for 8.

The wickets were shared around, with Andrew Salter (2 for 47) and Dean Cosker (2 for 33) being the most successful of the bowlers for Ammanford, with one apiece for Reed, Donaghue and Fisher - with the run out of Ready accounting for the other wicket.

Centurions got off to the best possible start with two early wickets for Tom Maynard and Dan Rowe and when Maynard dismissed Fisher for 17 Ammanford looked in trouble on 23 for 3. But Alun Evans had other ideas as he turned in a marvellous batting performance and almost single-handedly turned the game round, ending on 74 – finally being bowled by Tom Evison with the score on 132 for 6.

As the game entered the final few overs it was still in the balance, but in spite of a very good caught and bowled from Mike O'Shea to see off Huw Evans for 13, Cosker kept his nerve and won the game for Ammanford via a big 6 in the 49th over.

The only crumb of comfort that Centurions can take from this result is that the 6 points gained has closed the gap at the top of the table, with Cardiff now just one point in front of Sully.

Ammanford 179/7 Sully 178/8.

CENTURIONS CROWNED SWALEC 20/20 CHAMPS!

Centurions beat off strong opposition at the Swalec Stadium to become South Wales 20/20 champions on Sunday.

This is the second time in three years that Sully have won this title.

The semi final against Pontarddulais belonged to the bowlers, as, on a slow pitch both sides found runs hard to come by. Sully lost a couple of early wickets and by the half way stage were only 48 for the loss of 4 wickets.

An interruption for rain delayed proceedings for a while, but after the break Lloyd Smith (24) Dan Rowe (21) and Tom Evison (18) emerged as top scorers as Centurions just made it past the 100 mark and set Pontarddulais 104 to win off their 20 overs. Thomas, with 5 for 20, did most of the damage.

Runs proved just as difficult for the Bont and they were soon in a bit of trouble, as Tom Maynard and Jamie Sylvester removed both openers early. A bit of a resurgence took the score along to 62 when Richard Ready took the first of his four wickets to dismiss Arrowsmith for 21, via a smart stumping from Charlie Lowen.

Ready also removed Herring for 20 and was on a hat trick one ball later, with the wicket of Roberts for a first ball duck to leave Pontarddulais on 75 for 6.

They did not recover from this set back and were eventually nine runs short of the target, ending on 96 for 9 off the allotted overs.

Sully 126 for 9 Cardiff 85 all out.

The final was against Cardiff, who had beaten Ammanford in their semi final.

Batting first, Centurions reached 19 before Lloyd Smith was bowled for 10. Ryan Sylvester was joined by Charlie Lowen, who helped the score along to 67 before being caught and bowled by O'Leary for 16. In the meantime Ryan was playing a sensible innings, gradually getting on top of the Cardiff attack and when he was out on 45 (the highest individual score of the day) the score was 86 for 5 with four overs remaining.

The lower order began playing their shots and, although wickets continued to fall, runs started coming a little easier. Highlight of the latter stages was Gareth Davies' 6, which was Sully's only maximum all day. A total of 126 for 9 was reached after the 20 overs.

In reply the Centurions bowlers were always on top, with only three Cardiff players reaching double figures. Richard Ready posted figures of 3 for 9 off just two overs to add to his 4 wickets in the previous match.

Tom Maynard (3 for 21) was Sully's other main wicket taker. But all bowlers and fielders contributed to a marvellous performance, as Cardiff were all out for 85 in the 19th over. Ryan Sylvester was given the man of the match award for his fine batting performance on a day that belonged to the bowlers.

Centurions now earn the right to represent South Wales in the UK stages of the ECB 20/20 competition, with the final being played at Edgbaston in September.

Sully 126 for 9 Cardiff 85 all out.

Team winners Helen Evans, Carole Duncanson and Maureen Bowen.

COTTRELL LADIES ENJOY A DAY OUT!



Helen Evans.



Sian Lovell.

penalty. The Individual Stableford for the Miss Button trophy was won by Sian Lovell with 36 points and runner-up Helen Evans with 34 points.

The longest drive 0-24 Handicap was won by Kay Bradbury and 25-36 by Tessa Matthews. Nearest the pin was Toots Plant.

The team prize went to Helen Evans, Maureen Bowen and Carole Duncanson.

Sian Lovell had a good day as she also won the putting competition.

A golfing quiz created by Kay Bradbury caused a few furrowed brows, it was won by Jan Cosby, Vicki Long and Mary Davies.

Carole Duncanson guessed correctly that Sian Lovell would win Miss Button and Shirley Williams was closest to

the number of lost balls, there were only 14.

Following a delicious meal the prizes were presented by the Ladies' Captain.

All returned home tired but happy after a very pleasant day out.

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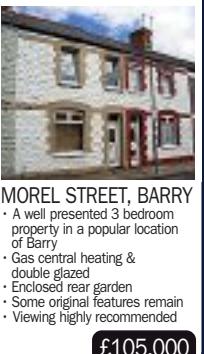
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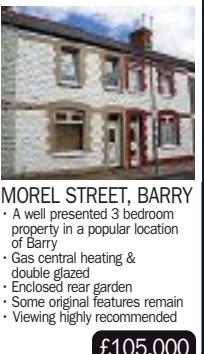
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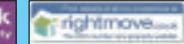
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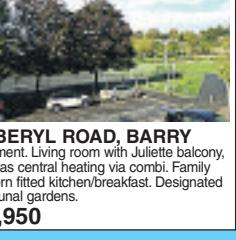
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BRITISH AIRWAYS Maintenance Cardiff (BAMC), located right here in the Vale, sent a team to take part in the BA Games at Heathrow recently.

There were 10 regional teams

of 10 people who took part in 10 activities, including touch rugby, archery, darts, pool, badminton, tennis, table tennis, dodge ball, gymnastics, and a 2km relay race. As each activity finished and the points board was checked, it was clear that our team were doing very well. The last event was the relay race, and only one

team were in front of us at this stage.

The race was very tense when the results were announced by Linford Christie. BAMC won four gold medals and two bronze, and were declared outright winners, as we had more gold medals in total than team USA.

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Barry Town have a little help from their friends!

The Barry Town Supporters Committee held their inaugural Community Action Day last Sunday (8 July), with an army of helpers turning out to help smarten up Jenner Park.

A large number of willing volunteers from the local community gave up their Sunday morning comforts to join manager Gavin Chesterfield, secretary David Cole and a host of BTSC members on this, the first of a series of Community Action Days mooted.

With an age range spanning some 50 years, the enthusiastic band split into two groups to focus on improving the aesthetic face of ground and the changing room facilities respectively.

Armed with their shovels, brooms and cutting tools, several hours were spent removing all weeding from the Gladstone Road entrance walkway, and helping clean up the two large stands.

With the sun shining on Jenner Park for the first time in a week, volunteers collected up over a dozen large bags of rubbish and removed a number of the minor眼ores that had been blighting the ground for some time.

Taking the initiative and working completely independently of the football club, the effort and commitment of a broad cross-section of Barry people was heartening to see - and drew some parallels with the way in which local volunteers originally built the ground almost 100 years ago.

While significant work is still required, the day was seen as the first public step in the BTSC and Vale of Glamorgan Council's present day rejuvenation of Jenner Park - with painting work, pitch enhancement and seating improvements in the pipeline before the visit of a Cardiff City side on Wednesday, August 8.

With Malky Mackay promising to bring a strong team, the game already dubbed 'the south Wales challenge match' seems to have caught the imagination of the Barry public.

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THE national singles championship was held this year at Penarth Pétanque Club, located at The Kymin, where 16 players competed.

The initial part of the competition was a round robin, where players were put into pools of four, the top two players from each pool qualified for the chance to win the championship. The bottom two players from each pool were entered into the Plate competition.

The quarter final of the main draw Phil Bradshaw beaten by Stuart Spencer and Tony Smith won against Geoff Jones from Penarth PC.

Two players from Caerleon RFC PC fought each other to go through to the semi-finals - Tansy Mayfield losing to Peter Beresford. The final pairing saw Paul Mayfield, again from Caerleon RFC PC, beat Bill Davies from Wenvoe PC.

The semi-finals saw some excellent shooting and pointing with Tony Smith competing against Peter Beresford, and Stuart Spencer against Paul Mayfield. The final saw Tony Smith take the title when he beat Stuart Spencer in an extremely closely fought game, 13/12.

The initial round of the plate competition saw

Bernard Bradshaw (Monkstone Inn PC) play against Joannie Roberts from Wenvoe PC, Laurent Mirbelle fought Valerie Falconer, and Jean-Yves Robic played against Linda Williams (all from Penarth PC).

Finally, Rose Fiera from the Monkstone Inn PC progressed directly to the semi finals as her opponent Jesse Lipetz-Robic withdrew from the competition.

In the semi-finals of the plate Joannie Roberts beat Rose Fiera and Laurent Mirbelle won over Linda Williams. Joannie Roberts comfortably beat Laurent Mirbelle in the final, 13/4, to take the win of the Plate.

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GEM sport

Cadoxton bowlers beat Beddau – and the rain!

THE game at Cadoxton, against Beddau, in the ML3, was in doubt until a decision was made to play at 1pm.

The heavy rain during the morning ceased by the time the game commenced, but there were slight showers during the afternoon, which turned heavy during the last 10 minutes. However the game was finished with a pleasing result for Cadoxton, with almost the full 14 points.

Don Kuhnell's rink played against a triple, which meant the opponents would concede a quarter of their shots. However this was not needed as the rink worked together well to outplay the opposition, and lose shots on just 6 ends.

Despites Kelvin drawing a close shot with his first bowl, a drive removed it and was not recovered. A measure gave four shots to the visitors to tie the match.

Scores: P. Ellis, L. Adams, W. Vaughan, H. Craven 22 - 23; L. Little, J. Sugden, L. Davies, G. Brown 20 - 20; T. Bishop, D. Evans, L. Cundliffe, D. Kuhnnell 23 - 7 & 1/4; D. Tuck, M. Mathews, J. Davies, K. Chedzoy 18 - 18.

Final score 83 - 68 & 1/4.

CAODOXTON V BARRY ATHLETIC-MUNRO CUP

An enjoyable evening took place at Cadoxton when Barry Athletic were narrowly defeated in the Munro Cup match.

Gordon Davies skipped his rink to a 5 shot success against Brian Whitlock. After

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